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President Wants 'Improved' Farm Program

Deposits at Banks Here Reach All-Time Record

Bank deposits and postal receipts reached record heights in Vernon during 1953. Oil, cotton and wheat production came up to expectations but set no new records. There was no noticeable change in the city's population, figured at 13,000 by the Chamber of Commerce. And there were almost four times as many births as there were deaths.

New construction totaled more than $500,000 and far exceeded that in the previous year.

Telephone, light and water connections were slightly under the number here at the start of 1953.

Statements from the three banks in Vernon showed deposits aggregating $23,622,094.80 at the close of business Dec. 31, 1953. The previous high was $21,533,954 in 1950. The total for the same date in 1952 was $21,257,927.

Waggoner Bank Gains

The Waggoner National Bank registered a big gain for the third straight year. Its deposits were put at $13,382,095.33 for the last day of 1953. They were $10,748,247.41 at the close of 1952 and $10,607,832.79 for the same date in the previous year.

The Herring National Bank reported deposits of $7,965,689.07 as of Dec. 31, 1953. Its 1952 figure was $7,825,044.60 and the 1951 total was $7,847,699.87.

The First State Bank deposits were listed at $2,274,310.40 at year's end. The 1952 total was $2,684,635.17 and the previous year was $2,871,789.51.

Postmaster John B. Hardin announced that his office showed receipts of $121,518.79 for an all-time record. They were $118,295.96 in 1952 and each of the last five years have reflected gains.

Farm Production

Oil production was put at about 3,730,811 barrels from 1,758 wells in Wilbarger County. The county's wheat crop approximated two million bushels and cotton production was about 32,000 bales.

There were 375 marriage licenses issued by the office of County Clerk M. E. Barnhill. Mrs. Julian Wright, District Clerk, reported 56 divorces granted, 12 cases dismissed and 60 still pending.

City Secretary S. H. Hall listed 434 births registered and 120 death certificates filed.

New construction in Vernon during 1953 amounted to $574,300 with $36,150 more for alterations and repairs. The total of $610,450 compares with $413,465 in 1952. The biggest building job of the year was the Central Christian Church, which had a $165,000 permit.

At the end of November latest available figures from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company listed 5,026 telephone connections. That was 20 fewer than reported for same date in 1952.

The City Light and Water Department reported 2,299 light connections on Dec. 31, compared with 2,278 the same date of the previous year. Water connections were put at 3,781, five more than a year ago.

West Texas Utilities Company reported 2,375 connections, 13 more than for the previous year. Lone Star Gas Company listed 4,905 connections compared with 5,071 in 1952.

At Least 16 Die In Palace Throng Of 700,000 Japs

Tokyo, Sunday, Jan. 3 (AP)—A vast throng, upward of 700,000 persons, who wanted to wish Emperor Hirohito a happy New Year milled inside the Imperial Palace grounds Saturday and trampled to death nearly a score of persons when guards tried to close the main palace gates.

Protesting thousands, pressing forward as the gates began to close, swept away a police cordon and rushed over a double arched bridge.

Men, women and children shrieked in agony as they were trampled underfoot in the panic.

Emperor Hirohito was greatly saddened by the tragic mishap, a spokesman of the imperial household announced.

Forty-three Hurt

Metropolitan police reported their latest count showed 16 dead and 43 injured.

Kyodo news agency said one of the fatalities was a Chinese boy. It said several other children strapped to their mothers' backs died or were injured in the crush. There was no exact estimate of the number of these children hurt.

A Canadian officer at the scene said he saw people so flattened that bones protruded from ribs, legs, arms and skin.

"It was remarkable the way the bodies were twisted," the Canadian said. "The sharp edges of their bones thrust right out from their skins."

A British officer who witnessed the crush said two American Marines probably saved lives when they charged through the mass of people to pick up the injured. The Marines were not identified.

Home Town Stuff

By R. H. NICHOLS

A press release from Fort Bliss announces that Pvt. Ernest F. Austin, husband of Mrs. Oleta Pratt Austin, Route 1, Vernon, and son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Austin, 3516 North Main, Fort Worth, recently began eight weeks of basic training in the Anti-Aircraft Artillery Replacement Training Center at Fort Bliss. Upon completion of the first eight weeks Pvt. Austin will be assigned either for further training at Fort Bliss in the techniques of anti-aircraft artillery, or transferred to another training center for schooling in some other Army skill.

After spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Dockery, Route 5, Vernon, Ensign James Randel Dockery is now en route to Japan for a six-month tour of duty. He was accompanied Friday to Amarillo by his parents and Miss Charlene Laws of Austin, house guest in the Dockery home during Christmas. He is to fly from Alameda, Calif., and will spend six weeks in Hawaii before going on to Japan. Ensign Dockery entered the Navy's only officer candidate school located at Newport, R. I., in January, 1953. Upon graduation he attended Aviation Ground Officers' School in Jacksonville, Fla. Since last August Ensign Dockery has been with his squadron serving as Air Intelligence officer in Alameda, Calif. He is a 1948 graduate of Vernon High School and received his bachelor of arts degree in political science from the University of Texas in 1952.

In addition to the recent article concerning Waggoner cowboys in the Saturday Evening Post, the W. T. Waggoner Estate received further national recognition in the December issue of the National Geographic magazine. Two pictures inscribed "Roundup Time in

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NEW CHURCH — Pictured above is the new Central Christian Church building which will be dedicated Sunday. It is located at 2100 South Hill Crest Road.

Central Christian Church Will Be Dedicated Sunday

Three services Sunday will launch a week of dedication of the new Central Christian Church at 2100 South Hill Crest Road. The first service of worship is scheduled for 10:50 a. m. after the congregation has moved by car caravan from a Sunday School meeting in the old building at the corner of Wilbarger and Mesquite Streets.

Preaching the first sermon will be Rev. Kenneth L. Teegarden, who has been pastor of the local church for the past four and one-half years. The chancel choir under the direction of Mrs. V. L. Porter will sing "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings," by Liddle.

The actual dedication of the building will occur at a community service at 3 p. m. Sunday with Dr. Roy C. Snodgrass, dean of Brite College of the Bible at Texas Christian University, as the dedicatory speaker. A former president of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ, Dr. Snodgrass was pastor of the First Christian Church, Amarillo, from 1930 until his TCU appointment in July, 1950. He is a frequent guest preacher in the major pulpits of both Disciples and other communions across the country.

Miss Simonds To Sing

At the afternoon service the Chancel choir will sing "Bless This House," by Brahe and Miss Sarah Simonds will sing Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer." In a litany of dedication the new church will be dedicated to God and the work of His Kingdom.

Rev. Chester Crow, executive secretary of the Texas Christian Missionary Society, will speak at the evening service at 7:30. Rev. Crow is well known throughout Texas for his strong emphasis on youth work. He has held his executive position with the Christian churches of Texas since last July 1. Prior to that time he was State director of religious education.

Additional services will be held every night this week at 7:30 with a different speaker each time. Those listed for the rest of the week include: Dr. George R. Davis, Wichita Falls; Rev. Carroll Fairbanks, Cushing, Okla.; Dr. W. A. Welsh, Dallas; Dr. L. N. D. Wells, Dallas; and Dr. D. Ray Lindley, Fort Worth.

Seating for 475

The main sanctuary has a seating capacity of 475.

The building was designed by Brown & Chapman, architects of Sherman. The general contract was let to Barker Construction Company of Vernon and Quanah. Other contractors included Rogers Electric Service, wiring and electrical fixtures; Rodgers Plumbing Company, plumbing contractor; West Texas utilities, air conditioning; Pioneer Roofing Company, Pearson Metal Works, Stuckey Cabinet Works and Wilbur Thrash Decorating Company.

Pews were furnished by L. L. Sams & Sons of Waco. Elzy Youngblood furnished carpeting for the chancel, pulpit and choir space. Concrete work was done by L. Jack Rodgers.

U. S. Leaves Atomic Talk Up to Soviet

Washington, Jan. 2 (AP)— The United States has advised Russia that it is prepared promptly to enter into private, informal talks on the international uses of atomic energy if the Soviet government desires.

Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen, according to diplomatic informants, called on Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov within the past three days to determine how Russia wishes to proceed in view of its agreement Dec. 21 to enter into atomic talks. Such discussions were strongly advocated by President Eisenhower in his Dec. 8 speech to the United Nations.

The next move is now Russia's. Molotov's response to Bohlen's approach probably will determine when and how further discussions will be held between the world's two greatest powers on international handling of the world's most destructive force.

Bohlen was reported to have called on Molotov on instructions from Secretary of State Dulles. The latter was described as doing everything he can to press forward the Eisenhower plan for an international pool of atomic energy materials. Under the plan the United States, Russia and other nations would contribute to the pool as a means of promoting the peaceful employment of atomic power.

Fight Looms in Congress On Postal Rate Increase

Washington, Jan. 2 (AP)—Administration demands for a quarter billion dollar increase in postal rates may produce the first explosive reaction in the highly-charged session of the Congress opening Wednesday.

The House Post Office Committee, after much heel-dragging and wrangling, broke off public hearings on Postmaster General Summerfield's requests in the closing days of the last session.

In a rebuff to Summerfield, the rate matter was laid over until this session with the general understanding that it would be the committee's first order of business when Congress reconvenes.

The initial blow-off may come when Chairman Rees (R.-Kan.) summons his committee into closed-door session to deal with the rate bill in accordance with the understanding reached last July.

Many Oppose Bill

It is no secret that a sizeable number of members, Republicans and Democrats alike, would like to ditch the bill or at least scale it down.

Opinions expressed privately by House members returning to Washington seemed to minimize the chances of any large-scale rate increase soon.

There appeared little likelihood the House Postoffice Committee—or the House itself, for that matter, will readily accede to Summerfield's request to raise the cost of mailing a first class letter from three to four cents.

There was some possibility, however, the committee might approve small or moderate increases in second class charges for newspapers, magazines and other publications. The third and final 10 per cent increase of a cumulative three-year 30 per cent hike previously voted on this class of mail goes into effect this year. Many members feel that's enough.

Pay Hikes Talked

Most probable source of additional revenue for the postoffice department is from increases on third class mailing rates, which apply principally to advertising and other forms of business mail.

Complicating the controversy are proposals to raise the pay of postal and other government workers.

With the Postoffice Department operating at a 600 million dollar a year deficit, Summerfield has asked increases on every type of postal service except parcel post to bring in an estimated $240,625,000 in added revenue.

C of C Officers, 7 New Directors To Be Installed

New officers and seven new directors of the Vernon Chamber of Commerce will be introduced at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday during the annual banquet in Wilbarger Memorial Auditorium. Retiring President Hickman Brown will serve as master of ceremonies.

Another highlight of the program will be presentation of the Distinguished Community Service Award. James R. Hamilton, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, will make the presentation.

Principal speaker for the occasion will be William J. Bird of Dallas, manager of the Southwestern Division, U. S. Chamber of Commerce. He will be introduced by R. H. Nichols, a director of the U. S. Chamber.

Outgoing Officers

Other retiring officers besides Mr. Brown are Lester Boyd, first vice president; Ralph E. Holter, second vice president; and G. E. Carpenter, treasurer. W. H. Wright is manager and Mrs. Les Barhyte is secretary.

The directors who will be replaced on the board are M. K. Berry, Joe B. Wolverton, W. H. Brown, Lester Boyd, L. H. Wall, Curtis Nichols and Ralph Flesher.

Holdover directors are Tom Davis, Bill Bond, Roy Iles, W. E. Wright, Herbert Hill, Bill Broday, and Warren Pruitt.

A musical portion of the banquet program will be given by Miss Sandra McCrary and Bob McDonald, accompanied by Mrs. G. N. Wilson.

Mrs. Barhyte reported Saturday that some tickets still are available and persons desiring them should pick them up by noon Monday.

Student Census Starts in County

The scholastic census in the Vernon Independent School District and in Wilbarger County schools begins this week. Principals have forms ready for distribution Tuesday and expect to complete the count of all students before Friday.

Parents will be asked to check the census forms and have children return them to their teachers. Parents with a child starting school for the first time should call on principals for the information slips.

School authorities are calling special attention to the fact the census has been moved up this year. Heretofore it has been taken in March. The change in date was made during the last session of the Texas Legislature.

Total enrollment of Vernon schools in 1953 was 2,560.

Dr. John W. McFarland, superintendent of schools, pointed out that the census serves as a basis for the allocation of per capita funds for 1954-55.

Uses of Census Cited

"The State available fund is the foundation of the education program in Texas," he said. "The census is the basis for distribution of the school funds to all districts in the State."

Other important uses of the scholastic census are to determine the county administration rates and setting up the superintendent's budget. It is used also to determine needs for teachers, buildings, equipment and all supplies.

The census provides information for county, State and Federal officials. It is used by the armed forces and other government bureaus.

Authorities are urging parents to check the census forms carefully before signing them. Accurate and correct information is desired on all students who will be six years old on or before Sept. 1, 1954, and not 18 on that date.

The statewide count of students must be completed by Jan. 31.

WEATHER

Temperature readings for the past 24-hour period ending at 9 p.m. Saturday:
Maximum ..... 71 degrees.
Minimum ..... 42 degrees.
9 p.m. Saturday.. 57 degrees.
Forecast: Fair and not so warm Sunday; Monday, increasin cloudiness and mild.

Revised Tax Law To Be Requested From Congress

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 2. (AP)—President Eisenhower will follow up his State of the Union message to Congress Thursday with a series of special requests for a revised tax program, Taft-Hartley labor law changes and an "improved" farm program.

James C. Hagerty, presidential press secretary, said in announcing this today that Eisenhower also plans special separate messages calling for "a broad and revised" housing program and "better health and protection for our people."

By better protection Hagerty meant expansion of social security coverage and possibly increased benefits.

Five special messages dealing with the subjects he mentioned will go to Congress within the first few weeks after Congress reconvenes Wednesday, Hagerty announced at the President's holiday headquarters here.

Tax Cuts Planned

Washington, Jan. 2. (AP)—Treasury and congressional staff experts have agreed on major points in a sweeping tax revision proposal providing for almost $1½ billion annually in tax cuts in many fields.

Informed sources said today only minor details need to be worked out before the proposal can be laid before the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, probably within 10 days.

For the first time since 1875, the entire revenue code has been reviewed at one time. Thousands of pages of tax laws have been rewritten with the aim of giving both individuals and business firms a better break, ending conflicts andf confusion and uncertainty, and removing inequities.

The streamlining program does not deal with major tax rates. But it provides tax cuts nevertheless for almost all businesses and individuals in the form of new or bigger deductions for medical expenses, child care costs for working mothers, business depreciation, dividend incobe, bore liberal allowances for dependents, and other points.

The new benefits would not apply to 1953 tax payments due on March 15.

Allies Hopeful Of POWs Return

Panmunjom, Sunday, Jan. 3. (AP)—Cpl. Claude J. Batchelor, the second American war prisoner to change his mind about Communism, flies to Tokyo today for reunion with his Japanese wife while Allied authorities waited expectantly for more unrepatriated American captives to make their bid for freedom.

Batchelor, now that his job of filling in U. S. Intelligence officers on the remaining 21 reluctant American prisoners was done, was scheduled to fly to Tokyo at 10 a. m. (8 p. m. Saturday, EST).

The Kermit, Texas, corporal will go to an Army hospital for further medical checkup. And he will see Kyoko Arkai, the Japanese girl he married in a Shinto ceremony in 1949.

Batchelor said her letters influenced him greatly in choosing to return home. Last October, Cpl. Edward S. Dickinson of Big Stone Gap, Va., returned of his own free will and shortly after his arrival home was married.

Batchelor stole from the pro-Communist prison compound early New Year's morning to ask for repatriation. He disclosed at a Seoul press conference yesterday that some of the 21 Americans left behind might change their minds and decide to come out.

U. S. Relations With Italy Topic of Lengthy Parley

Washington, Jan. 2. (AP)—Clare Boothe Luce, Ambassador to Italy, conferred with Secretary of State Dulles and other officials for 2½ hours today on ways of strengthening U. S.-Italian relations.

She described the conference to reporters later as a "meeting of the department heads for a full dress look at Italy's many problems." But she said no new aspects of U. S. policy were developed, and neither Trieste nor U. S. aid to Italy was discussed.

"We were seeking ways and means of strengthening the bonds, political, commercial and defense-wise, between our two countries," she said.

Selection of R. B. Anderson Among Top 10 1953 Stories

Twenty-three stories were nominated for the top 10 of the year 1953 in Texas by editors of Associated Press newspapers and members of the AP staff in the State.

Twelfth on the list was the appointments of Oveta Culp Hobby of Houston as Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, and of Robert Anderson of Vernon as Secretary of the Navy. Thirteenth was the strangulation murder of Joyce White of Lubbock in February and conviction of her sweetheart, Walter Whitaker, Jr.

Whitaker was tried in 46th District Court in Vernon and given a death sentence. He still is in the Wilbarger County jail, pending decision on an appeal filed with the Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin.

Ranked fifteenth was the conviction of Mary Jean Parsons, Tulsa socialite, in Wichita Falls last February of murder in the shooting of her husband, Lt. Richard Parsons, as he lay sleeping in their El Paso apartment.

The top 10 stories of the year in Texas, as selected, were listed by Robert H. Johnson, Jr., AP staff writer who covered the trial of Whitaker here, as follows:

1. Waco and San Angelo tornadoes.
2. Drouth.
3. Return of Texas POWs from Korea.
4. Teachers' pay fight in Legislature.
5. Tidelands title given states.
6. Identification of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Palmer of Orange as couple missing 22 years.
7. Atty. Gen. Ben Shepperd's charge that labor union trying to organize in Port Arthur was Communist-dominated.
8. Conviction of Mario Sapet of murder in the death of Jacob Floyd, Jr., of Alice, and the effort growing out of this case to oust District Judge Woodrow Laughlin of Alice.
9. The Dallas nude prowler-rapist and the murder of Mrs. H. C. Parker of Dallas. The Parker case is unsolved.
10. The dedication of Falcon Dam by Presidents Eisenhower and Adolfo Ruiz Cortines of Mexico.

First 1954 Baby In Vernon Is Boy

A robust eight-pound boy is Wilbarger County's first 1954 baby. The youngster, who has not yet been named, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Burt of the Rock Crossing community. He made his appearance at 6:33 p.m. Friday in Christ the King hospital.

Mr. Burt is an oil field worker. He and his wife have one other child, John Franklin, age two.

The first baby of 1954 will receive many gifts from Vernon merchants.

Donors and gifts follow:

Vernon Greenhouses, one dozen roses; Hill's Youth Center, baby dress and slip; J. C. Penney, blanket; Judy & Jane Shop, blanket; Russell's Dept. Store, one dozen diapers; Model Cleaners, cleaning and pressing for one man's suit and woman's dress; Vernon Drug Store, Johnson's gift box; Norwood & Coleman, pair of slippers; Montgomery Ward, one dozen diapers.

Henderson Funeral Home, free ride home from the hospital in ambulance; Robert L. More Tire Co., free wash and grease job for the family car; Popular Furniture Co., clothes line; Huber's City Drug, first toy; Wichita Cigar & Tobacco Co., one box of cigars for Daddy; Owens Drug store, layette; White House Market, a dozen cans of baby food; Leutwyler's, an infant set of matching silver; Oliver Brothers, a pair of baby moccasins; Haney-Moore Insurance Agency, a special gift; and The Vernon Record, free photograph of the baby to be taken any time within six months.

HELLO, SON — Mrs. Gerald Burt smiles lovingly down at the newest addition to her and Mr. Burt's family The eight-pound youngster was born at 6:33 p.m. Thursday to win recognition as the first baby to be born in Wilbarger County during 1954.

Economic Change Will Continue, Says Dallas Bank

Dallas, Jan. 2. (AP)—Further adjustments from a boom economy to a more competitive economic situation will probably be made smoothly in the Southwest during 1954, the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas said in its January business review today.

"Further adjustments in 1954 are probable; also, economic conditions are likely to become more competitive and a premium will be placed on aggressive merchandising, efficiency and sound business and financial practices. Nevertheless the outlook for 1954 should not be regarded as unfavorable," the review said.

On the whole, 1953 was a record year in the Southwest, the review stated. Many of the principal indexes of economic actively including nonagricultural and manufacturing employment, average weekly earnings in manufacturing, crude oil production and refining, retail and department store sales, bank loans hit new high during the year.

Construction Declines

Outstanding exceptions were declines in cash receipts from farm marketings and the value of construction contract awards.

The past year was also one in which inflationary forces were firmly checked and deflationary factors became more apparent. The last traces of the dominance of a seller's market were removed during 1953 and there was a marked shift to a buyer's market, the review said.

Adding strength to the outlook for 1954 are the large capital expenditures planned by business and industry and the large amount of construction planned for the coming year.

The improved moisture condition in the Southwest and belief the greatest drop in the value of agricultural products already has been experienced were cited by the review as signs of strength for 1954.

Marriage Licenses Issued To 25 Couples in Vernon

Marriage licenses were issued to 25 couples during the past two weeks by the office of County Clerk M. E. Barnhill.

They were issued to Bruce A. Miller and Willie Wanda Hughes; Oscar J. Goetze and Edith Nell Adams; Gene R. Guiles and Junetta C. Chandler; Homer Barker and Nellie Ruth Kinder; Gilbert B. Oakeley and Barbara Nichols;

Gene Perry and Oleta Churchwell; Clyde Phillips and Mary Keeler; Alfonso Rodriguez and Amelia Diaz; Homer W. Foster and Ranelle Herring; Royce Vaughn and Carole Newman; Gerald L. Wood and June Y. Burleson; Delano W. Campbell and Marilyn Bond; Charles Walton and Frankie Umphress;

Rome Harris and Kathryn Hill; Kenneth Stradley and Emma L. Aaron; Joe D. Fairchild and Edna E. Curtis; James L. Streit and Patricia Ann Morgan; Gerald Harnum and Myrna Riley; William A. Boaz and Jarvin Jean Wiggs;

Robert D. Lawson and Doris J. Sobol; J. W. Sloan and Ava L. Black; Ray L. Welborn and Jeweldeen Newman; Charley A. Peet and Ruby M. Owen; Billy F. Riggs and Jeanne Andreas; Dewey Brown and Ola Johnson.

Robins rarely live more than 12 years.

Home Town---

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Texas, Helicopter Style," were included in an article entitled "Aviation Looks Ahead on Its 50th Birthday." One picture shows Pilot Sherman Kennedy and Foreman Tony Hazlewood as they reconnoiter rounding up cattle in a helicopter, and the second picture showed the helicopter's landing skit pointing direction of the drive. The article said "Half-million-acre W. T. Waggoner Ranch, which takes in parts of six counties in North Texas, has solved its cowboy shortage with a Bell model 47-D-1 helicopter. Hovering close to the ground, the pilot flushes cattle from thickets. His flying bronco, darting in any direction, rounds up strays and drives them toward ranch hands."

Word from Roy Sloan McConihe, polio patient from Vernon in a Fort Worth hospital, indicates that his condition is some improved since Christmas. He is able to stay out of the iron lung for 15-minute intervals and has developed better use of his limbs. His morale is unusually good, his mother, Mrs. R. S. McConihe, reports, and he has been in the best of spirits during the holidays.

Emory Rhoads, Sr., is undergoing medical treatment for a serious allergy condition in Scott & White Hospital in Temple. Dr. Emory D. Hollar, his son-in-law, and his son, Emory Rhoads, Jr., accompanied him to Temple in a Henderson ambulance Friday, and Mrs. Hollar and Mrs. Rhoads, Sr., left Saturday morning to be with him. Dr. Hollar returned to Vernon Saturday. He reports that Mr. Rhoads stood the trip to Temple without unusual fatigue and seemed to be feeling better after arrival there.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cox, 2906 Main Street, had all of their children with their families visiting them during the holidays. The list follows: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Waner, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Williams, all of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams, of Pampa; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cox of Durham, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Kent Cox and Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Cox, Grand Prairie; Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Buckler of Dallas; and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Cox of Vernon.

Bob Cox is freshman football coach at Duke University. His team was undefeated in 1943. He has been on the Duke coaching staff since 1942. He graduated at Duke in 1934 and won recognition as all-conference fullback in the Southern Conference in 1933. He was assistant coach at West Texas State College in Canyon from 1934 to 1938. He then went to Carlsbad, N. M., and coached until he returned to his alma mater in 1942. He graduated from Vernon High School in 1929 and was captain of the Vernon Lions football team in 1928. Before going to Duke he attended Amarillo Junior College in 1930 and 1931.

Charles E. Cole called by yesterday to tell me he has moved from Breckenridge back to Vernon and has rented his old apartment at 2530 Wheeler Street. He says he will retain his residence in Breckenridge and may move back there some day. For the present, however, he will be dividing his time between Vernon and New Mexico, where he has some interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wendt have received word that their son, Charles, who is in the Navy, is shipping out of Long Beach, Calif., on board the USS Kaskaskai bound for Japan. The young man writes his parents that his ship is an oil tanker and will ply between ports in Korea, Japan, Arabia and other sections of the Far East. He expects to be away from this country seven months on his present cruise.

CPL. STEED

Cpl. Vernon Steed, 19, of the Marine Corps, is visiting in Vernon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Steed. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in July, 1953, received boot training at San Diego, Calif. Since Oct. 8 he has been in combat training at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. He has been assigned to public information office at Camp Pendleton and will assume the duties of that position when he returns on Jan. 4. He has lived in Vernon all his life and was employed by the W. T. Waggoner Estate prior to entering the service. His wife is the former Dorothy Ammons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Ammons, former Vernon residents who now live in Rogers, Ark. She will return to Oceanside with her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Trussell of Hale Center and their adopted son, Tommy, were in Vernon Friday visiting friends here en route to Dallas to have Tommy's physical condition checked. They stopped again Saturday afternoon while on their way home. Tommy will be remembered as Tommy Yates, the victim of a brutal beating by his mother Christmas Eve, 1951. He was in a serious condition for months and was treated by brain specialists in Dallas. He gradually improved, regaining most of his normal faculties. He was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Trussell early this year. He is now six years old and his condition was pronounced very satisfactory last week. He expects to start to school next Fall.

Tommy is especially proud this Christmas. Among other gifts, cards and letters from throughout the country he received a Christmas card from President and Mrs. Eisenhower. Naturally this is his most prized possession.

Dr. J. D. Hoover and Tram Comer returned during the weekend from a deer hunt at Devil's River, near Del Rio. Both had been on earlier hunts and had returned empty-handed but this time they hit the "jackpot." They brought back three deer between them.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Crawford, 2500 Cumberland Street, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Saturday.

Birthday greetings to:

Michael Miles, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Miles, Oklahoma City, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Sharp of Vernon.

Andy Sharp, 1, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Sharp, Grand Prairie, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Sharp of Vernon.

Patty Lou Pinkston, 1, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Louis Pinkston, 2129 12th Street.

Dan Hardwic Hill, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hill, 2011 Bismarck.

Stephen A. Castlebury, Jr., of San Francisco, Calif.

Michael J. Moore, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calton (Bubba) Moore, 2505 Massie Street.

Clayton Bolton, Vernon.

24 New Car Licenses Sold Here During Past Week

Twenty-four new cars were registered in the office of P. D. Chaney, County Tax Assessor-Collector, during the past week.

Registrants and autos follow: C. C. Davis, Chevrolet; J. D. Michie, Dodge; Jimmy Quisenberry, Studebaker, Elvin Dickerson, Chevrolet; R. B. Young, Chevrolet; A. C. Rogers, Cadillac; Roy Perkins, Plymouth, Miss Alta Park, Mercury, B. D. Evans, Mercury; R. W. Ward, Studebaker; William Collins, Pontiac;

Mrs. W. H. Brown, Pontiac; Jim Hill Erwin, Studebaker; Homer Arnold, Plymouth, G. H. and Ola Jane Hammond, Cadillac; Helen Rahn, Pontiac; A. N. Bryant, Pontiac; W. R. Moore, Jr., Buick; Howard W. Holliday, Ford; Stanley D. Mitchell, Chevrolet, B. K. Norwood, Studebaker; C. A. Bourland, Mercury; Leroy Henderson, Buick; and L. A. Barham, Chevrolet.

Farmers are only about 12 per cent of the U. S. population.

God Hath Spoken

HEB. 1:1,2

RAY F. CHESTER

Minister, Paradise Street Church of Christ

"What About The Thief On The Cross?"

The Bible teaches that we must be baptized for the remission of sins. Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." (Mk. 16:16). Peter told inquiring sinners to "Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins" (Acts 2:38). Ananias told Saul what he must do by saying, "Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16).

But there are preachers, who choose to teach a different plan, who have prompted their followers to ask, "What about the thief on the cross?" He was saved without baptism, and if he can be saved without it, so can we." Anyone who knows enough to preach knows why the thief could be saved without baptism and why our case is different from his. But many hearts have been deceived by such wicked trickery.

Most are familiar with the story. Jesus was crucified between two thieves. One of them said unto Jesus, "Lord remember me when thou comest into they thy kingdom." Jesus replied, "Verily, I say unto thee today shalt thou be with me in paradise." Luke 23:39-43).

One can not prove that the thief was not baptized because multitudes were baptized by John. Nor can one prove that Jesus promised salvation. But I will grant, for the sake of study, that he was not baptized and that he was saved.

The real point is that the thief lived under a different law than do we. The cross is the high point of human history. The law of Moses was in effect until Jesus removed it by His death (Col. 2:14).

We are told in Hebrew 10:10 that Jesus, "took away the first (covenant) in order that He might establish the second." Again, "For a testament is of force where there hath been a death: for it doth never avail while he that made it liveth" (Heb. 9:17). The thief died before the testament of Christ was in force. The great commission had not been given. One might as well argue that Abraham was saved without baptism and so can we. Abraham was not commanded to be baptized, but we are.

The old trick of saying, "What about the thief on the cross?" to try to evade baptism is a manifestation of either gross ignorance of what GOD HATH SPOKEN or a deceitful handling of the word.

District Clerk Asks Re-Election

Mrs. Julian Wright has authorized her announcement as a candidate for re-election to the office of District Clerk, subject to action of the Democratic primaries.

In making her announcement, Mrs. Wright expressed appreciation for the privilege of serving in the important position of District Clerk. She made the following statement:

"To the voters of Wilbarger County, Greetings:

"I wish to thank each and every one for the encouragement, help and confidence you have given me the past year. I have enjoyed my work and served to the best of my ability.

"I am announcing for re-election and will appreciate each vote and word of encouragement that you give me.

"I want you to feel free to come up, to this, your, office and visit with me and see the work that is done. You have a great office and I am proud to be your District Clerk—I would like to be for another term.

"I will greatly appreciate your vote and influence."

DEAN WANTS REVIEW

Providence, R.I, Jan. 2 (AP)—The Providence Journal will say tomorrow that Arthur H. Dean, the chief American negotiator in Korea, is urging Washington officials to review U.S. policy regarding China with a view toward splitting Communist China from the Soviet Union without military action.

MORE SPEED PREDICTED

Kerrville, Jan. 2 (AP)—A crowd gathered to see airline service come to Kerrville was told today by Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker that within 10 years planes will travel at multiple-supersonic speeds of 2,500 to 3,000 miles an hour.

Holiday Toll Reaches 191 Inside State

(By The Associated Press)

A flurry of fatal traffic accidents during the first few hours of 1954 pushed the Texas violent death toll for the Christmas-New Year holidays past all official estimates.

Late reports may bring the toll higher.

The Department of Public Safety in Austin reported Saturday night that it had recorded 191 violent deaths from midnight Dec. 23 to midnight Jan. 1. That was one more than the pre-holiday estimate for the 10 days of merry making.

Traffic fatalities totaled 94—four more than predicted by DPS. A separate survey by the Associated Press on New Year's fatalities alone showed 35 dead, including 19 traffic deaths, since 6 p. m. Dec. 31. The separate AP tabulations will be continued through Sunday midnight.

In the nation as a whole, the observance of the New Year's holiday week-end passed the halfway mark Saturday with traffic deaths running only about half as heavy as during the same period in the Christmas week-end a week earlier.

From 6 p. m. local time Thursday until Saturday evening, the death toll on the streets and highways reached 160. This compared with 325 traffic deaths during the same period at Christmas.

APPEAL DENIED

Tyler, Jan. 2 (AP)—A petition filed by John Paul Harris, 30, inmate of the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., asking that his sentence be set aside was denied today by Federal Judge Joe W. Sheehy. Harris was given a four-year sentence after pleading guilty to burglary of the Simms Postoffice in Bowie County.

Your Best Bet—A Want Ad!

Public Relations Course Offered

A course in public relations, sponsored by the retail committee of the Vernon Chamber of Commerce, will be presented four nights this week, Monday through Thursday. Sessions will be held from 7 to 9:15 in the County Courtroom.

Speaker for the course will be E. A. Willeford, retail training specialist of the Division of Extension, University of Texas. He will discuss what public relations mean, how to get along with people, memory, use of the telephone, group relationships and speech.

The latest teaching methods will be used in presenting the course. Lectures and class discussions will be supplemented by illustrations and demonstrations by the instructor.

Teaching aids will include flipcharts, blackboards, flannel board presentation, sound films, wire recorders and pamphlets. No examinations will be given. Certificates will be issued from the university to all persons completing the course.

The program is being presented in co-operation with the Distributive Education project of Vernon High School.

Military Aid to Pakistan Is Endorsed by Knowland

Washington, Jan. 2. (AP)—The Eisenhower administration was urged today by Sen. Knowland (R-Calif) to ignore objections by India and extend military aid to Pakistan.

Knowland, the Senate Republican leader, said in an interview he believes Pakistan "has the prospect of becoming another Turkey in strength and dependability" for free world defenses if it is given American aid.

He said he has made his views known to Secretary of State Dulles.

Optimistic View Taken of 1954

Washington, Jan. 2. (AP)—Secretary of Commerce Weeks said today the New Year may fall a little short of 1953's record-setting boom, but the outlook is for one of "the better years of economic history."

Countering gloom-tinged forecasts from some economic experts, Weeks sounded a strong note of optimism in his year-end report in which he declared:

"Our best days are yet to be. The nation is more productive and more powerful than ever before."

Weeks conceded that some "short-run difficulties" may arise. But he said the Eisenhower administration is on guard against any major economic swings and will act promptly if the need arises.

The Secretary thus endorsed the views of other key administration officials who have scoffed at recent assertions by Sen. Paul Douglas (D-Ill), an economist, that the country is already suffering a "real recession."

In his report to the President, Weeks said "the outlook is bright for a high over-all level of jobs and business activity" this year.

INDICTMENTS DROPPED

Tyler, Jan. 2 (AP)—Three Federal indictments charging Constable Kenneth Gaskamp of Zavalla, Angelina County, with depriving three Zavalla citizens of their civil rights were ordered dismissed in federal court today.

NEW JUSTICE

New York, Jan. 2 (AP)— Former Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri was sworn in as a $19,500 a year Special Sessions justice today by his successor, Mayor Robert F. Wagner Jr., who took office yesterday.

United Nations Command Stands Firm on POW Idea

Panmunjom, Sunday, Jan. 3. (AP)—The United Nations Command stood firm today behind its principle that prisoners of war have freedom to go where they choose—even if it means the prisoners will return to the Communists.

In a formal statement the U. N. Command endorsed the Indian custodian force head count "screening" in the anti-Communist camp last Thursday. The count resulted in 135 Chinese asking and obtaining immediate return to the Communists.

The Allied stand appeared a double rebuke to the Communists who had protested the screening to the Indians and to South Korea whose Foreign Minister Pyun Yung Tai denounced the Indian action as illegal.

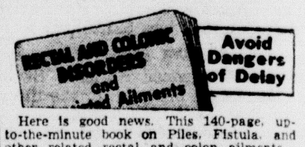
CHURCH 100 YEARS OLD

Huntsville, Jan. 2. (AP)—The First Christain Church of Huntsville, founded Jan. 1, 1854, will begin tomorrow a three-day observance of its 100th anniversary.

PILOT UNHURT IN CRASH

Albuquerque, Jan. 2. (AP)—An F84 jet crashed today on takeoff, Kirtland, AFB, said Lt. W. E. Duffendack, 30, of Dover, Del., was the lucky flyer.

FREE BOOK — on Rectal Troubles



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ASSETS

LOANS AND DISCOUNTS	$ 2,913,585.75
COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL BONDS	738,643.48
FEDERAL LAND BANK BONDS	100,000.00
FEDERAL RESERVE STOCK	13,500.00
BANK BUILDING	123,700.00
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	59,808.27
OTHER REAL ESTATE	2.00
U. S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	4,359,062.50
CASH IN VAULTS AND OTHER BANKS	5,678,425.89
TOTAL ASSETS	$13,986,727.89

LIABILITIES

CAPITAL STOCK	$ 200,000.00
SURPLUS	250,000.00
UNDIVIDED PROFITS	109,515.81
RESERVE FOR TAXES	45,116.75
DEPOSITS	13,382,095.33
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$13,986,727.89

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New Crisis May Arise In Korea

Washington, Jan. 2. (AP)—The New Year will be barely three weeks old when it brings a new crisis in Korea.

At midnight on Jan. 22 at least one— and perhaps two —long-smouldering questions may boil over.

The first is this: What happens to the 22,217 Communist and 349 United Nations war prisoners who have not returned to their homes? These include 21 Americans who have refused repatriation.

The second: Will South Korean President Syngman Rhee try to renew the war alone? He has blown hot and cold on his threat to do this, and shows signs of blowing hot again.

The whole question of Korea's future—supposed to be decided at a political conference not yet arranged—may hinge on what takes place on Jan. 22.

Jan. 22 Key Date

It is a key date. The United States, along with the 15 other United Nations which fought beside South Korea against North Korea and Red China, approaches it warily. It is a wariness bred by 3½ years of fighting and negotiating with the Communists in Korea.

United States plans are proceeding on the assumption that the war prisoners on both sides will revert to civilian status on Jan. 22, as provided in the Korean truce agreement.

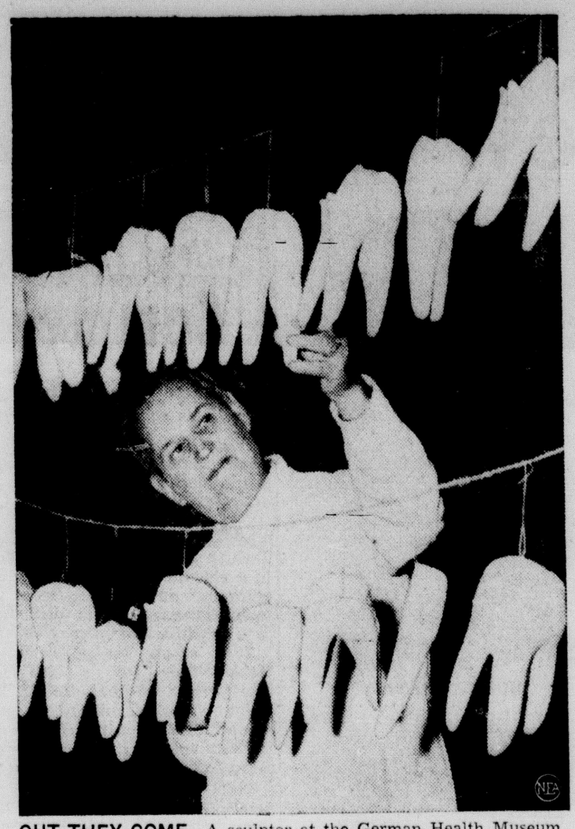
Rhee is committed on paper not to launch an attack against the Reds in an attempt to unify Korea by force. The United States is taking him at his word, but his demonstrated hot temperament is not discounted.

New Era Possible

Should more peaceful expectations hold up, the Korean issue would enter a new era. The knotty problem of prisoner repatriation would be history. The truce would not be violated. There would remain only the problem of setting up a political peace conference under the truce agreement to settle "the question of the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Korea, the peaceful settlement of the Korean question, etc."

But what if the Indian guards who have custody of the prisoners do not turn them loose at midnight, Jan. 22? What if Rhee should order the Republic of Korea's 16 divisions to march north toward the Yalu River?

Last August, Secretary of State Dulles consulted with Rhee at Seoul. They negotiated a mutual defense agreement and issued a joint statement.



OUT THEY COME—A sculptor at the German Health Museum in Cologne checks some giant models of human teeth hanging out on a washline to dry. They are part of the museum's mobile exhibit which is currently touring Germany. The plastic teeth are used to demonstrate effects of various stages of decay if dental health is neglected.

ADVISES FARMERS

Jefferson City, (AP)—Missouri's Governor, Phil M. Donnelly, hasn't forgotten a few farming tricks. He told his press conference recently that the best way to tighten up the soil in the bed of a farm pond is to feed pigs there. If the pigs root around and tramp over the pond bed for a few days very little water drains away when the pond is filled.

CAUGHT ON BOUNCE

Oakland, Calif., (AP)—James Krager operates a cigar store at 12th and Franklin Sts. and keeps a camera handy. When he cashes a check, he takes a "mug" shot of the customer. If the check bounces, Krager has a picture for the police. His camera has nabbed one bad check passer.

EGYPT'S TOP SHOT—Mindful of the tension in the Middle East, Pres. Mohammed Naguib crouches on the sand to show how an old pro fires a rifle. The occasion was a national-guard marksmanship contest in Cairo.

Patients Now Protected By Medical Watchdog

Chicago (AP)—o you cross your fingers and hoype you won't be snared for unnecessary and expensive carving when you go to a hospital for a checkup on your aches and pains?

There's a powerful medical watchdog that stands guard against this happening to you.

The minute your name is entered on a hospion a hospital's receiving list your case is of direct concern to the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

The commission's goal: to insure the best possible medical care to today's hospital patients and to improve this care as rapidly as knowledge and experience will permit.

It is backed by five of North America's most powerful medical groups who spend a half-million dollars of their own funds each year to carry the program forward.

More than 80 per cent of the 4,000 hospitals in the United States and Canada which sought accreditation have passed the rigid requirements and been put on the approved list.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Long and son, Corky, returned Saturday to their home in Corpus Christi, after a holiday visit with her mother, Mrs. Lois Samuel.

Ducks Need Doc, But No Quacks!

By RICHARD KLEINER
NEA Staff Correspondent

Baldwin, N. Y.—(NEA) — Anybody know a good duck psychiatrist? Bunch of crazy mixed up ducks around here, and a reasonably successful nutty duck man could make himself a lot of scratch.

He's gotta be a good man, though, because these here ducks are really off their rockers, so no quacks need apply. These here ducks make Donald seem a very rational specimen.

These here ducks have what they call, in psychiatric circles, delusions of daylight, complicated by a late winter complex. It's a potent combination, and these here ducks are plentiful to contemplate. Not a normal bird in the bunch.

This village seems to be directly on the north-south duck highway, and generally these here ducks stop for a while to take a load off their wings and grab a bite to eat before they hit the air again for points tropical. But this year—well, the ducks are a confused flock of fowl.

They get here right on schedule, as usual, but they find that the city fathers have taken down the old street lights that used to flicker softly along Merrick Road. Now they got big, bright bulbs along Merrick Road, which makes everything look real pretty and the pond shimmers and shines and the ducks are out of their minds.

They think there is no longer any night. They stay up all hours. These here bulbs are making night owls out of these here ducks, which is something nature didn't have in mind.

So they keep on flying and eating and swimming all through the night. They are getting precious little sleep, and how much can a body stand? Right. So these here ducks are quacking all the time and acting stupid and otherwise comporting themselves in unduck-like fashion.

To compound the felony, winter was slow in arriving in the New York area. In the first half of December, there was not once that the temperature hit freezing, which is a very strange bit of meteorological behavior, indeed.

So these aforementioned ducks, which now believe there is no night, also believe there is no winter. Instead of flying south, as is their wont, they are staying in Merrick, as is their don't.

What we have here, then, is a bunch of deluded ducks that not only don't know what time it is, they don't even know what season it is. And they don't seem to care. They quack 24 hours a day. They go fishing. They fly around. They take a swim. At three or four in the AM, yet.

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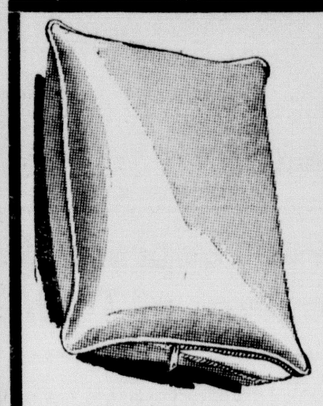

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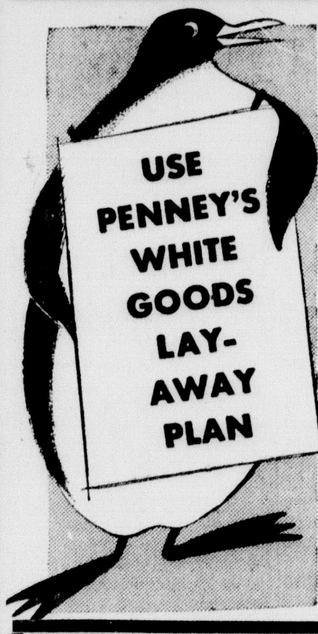

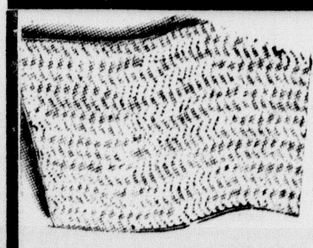

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Vernon Cagers Play at Plainview Tuesday Night

Lions Engage Oklaunion In Scrimmage

Whether a two-week absence from game competition has hurt the Vernon Lions will be determined Tuesday night at Plainview when they meet the Bulldogs in the first District 1-AAA game for both teams.

While the Lions have not played any regularly scheduled matches, they have been hard at work for the past week running off some of the seut accumulated over the holidays. Coach Bob Percival started them practicing Monday, after a 10-day layoff.

The Vernon team did engage the Oklaunion Cardinals Friday afternoon in a scrimmage in which no records were kept. Both teams showed the results of the holiday absence. The ball frequently was thrown out of bounds, passes were wierd and a number of collisions occurred.

Coach Percival started the scrimmage with Gene Miller at center, Dick Lowke and Jack Bolton at forwwards and Carl Franks and Chris Krebs at guards. After that unit had functioned for about 20 minutes, he moved Ronnie Zaicek in for Lowke and Bobbie Harvey for Franks. Lowke had canned a couple of nice set shots from the corner prior to being relieved. Both teams used a zone defense, with Oklaunion mostly using set shots from the outside. Vernon concentrated on whipping the ball back and forth in an effort to move it in close for under the basket and hook shots.

The Lions enter district play with a record of six wins and five losses. The wins were at the expense of Archer City, Quail and Lawton, Okla., and Rotan twice each. They dropped games to Burkburnett, Chillicothe, Wichita Falls, Abernathy and Nocona.

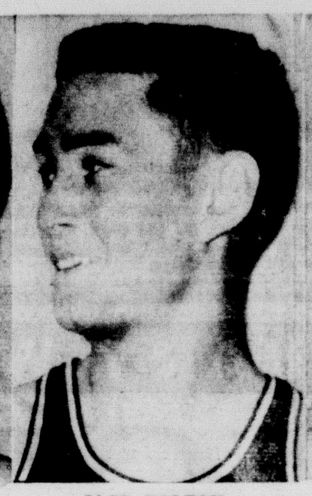
Four of Vernon's losses came in the Electra and Childress tournaments. Two victories also were realized in those meets. Jack Bolton, Lion forward, was named to the all-tournament team at both places.

Plainview also has been eliminated before reaching the finals in two tournaments this season. The Bulldogs were clubbed early by Abilene, 62-45, at Odessa and 61-57, by San Angelo in the semi-finals at Brownwood.

Other players who have been playing with good regularity on the second team are Melvin Hobratschk, Curtis Graf, Gerald Thompson, Charles Spears and Keith Morris.

In an effort to give hometown fans a more liberal portion of basketball, Coach Percival has scheduled another game. The Wichita Falls Boys Club will play the Lions in Vernon Jan. 12.

GENE MILLER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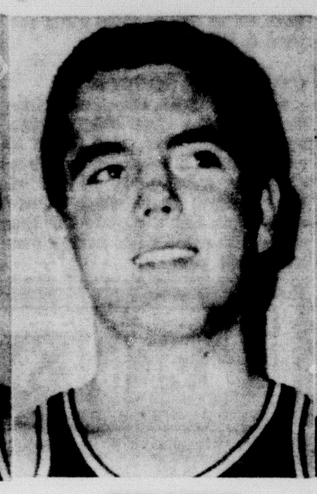
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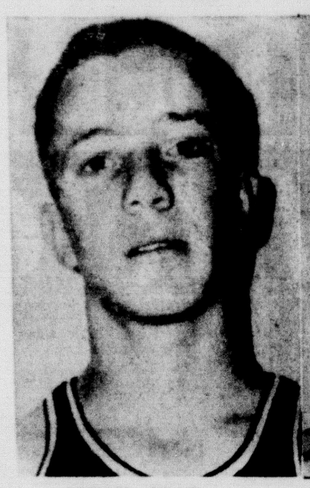
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CARL FRANKS

GERALD THOMPSON

RONNIE ZAICEK

MELVIN HOBRATSCHK

KEITH MORRIS

CHARLES SPEARS

Northside, Chillicothe Teams Divide Cage Double-Header

Northside girls romped to an easy 72-28 victory over Chillicothe Friday night to give their school an even break in the opener of a twin bill. The boys dropped a 34-55 decision in the finale.

Jane Phillips and Shirley Dillon led the winners with 24 points each.

In the boys contest, L. H. Wall was high for the losers with 20, while Monte Pannell led Chillicothe with 24.

The outcome of the games was a repeat version of an earlier match of the two teams. The Chillicothe boys won that game as did the Northside girls.

Next games on the docket for the Northside teams are Tuesday night at Olustee, Okla. The teams met earlier in the season, with the Northside girls winning and the boys losing.

Northside girls now have a record of 12 wins and one loss. Lockett defeated them in the finals of the Oklaunion tournament.

DALLAS, BEAUMONT TRADE

Dallas, Jan. 2. (AP)—Dallas traded Jim Clarkson, its hard-hitting Negro third baseman, to Beaumont today for Ed Knoick, right-handed pitcher. The trade, one of the first of the Texas League Winter deals, was announced by Allen Russell, Beaumont owner. Clarkson hit .330 and slugged 18 home runs in the Dallas pennant drive last season. Konick appeared in 35 games, pitched 13 complete games, finished 10, won 11 and lost 13 and had an earned run average of 3.87 with last-place Beaumont.

SUGAR BOWL POT SPLIT

New Arleans, Jan. 2. (AP)—Georgia Tech and West Virginia each will receive an estimated $125,000 for their parts in the 1954 Sugar Bowl football game with the March of Dimes already enriched by $25,000. It will be approximately 10 days before the exact sum given the two universities will be determined but the March of Dimes received its contribution before Tech defeated the Mountaineers 42-19 in the biggest point making splurge in the 20 years of the bowl.

Anything to Sell? Try Want Ads!

Gator Bowl Fans Impressed By Bobby Cavazos of Tech

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 2. (AP)—Gator Bowl fans won't soon forget Texas Tech halfback Bobby Cavazos, the cowboy who runs with a football like a quarterhorse chasing a steer.

More than any other factor, the capers of Cavazos represented the difference between Texas Tech and Auburn in their Jan. 1 clash. Coaches DeWitt Weaver of Tech and Ralph Jordan of Auburn agreed on that.

Tech was the favorite, but not even the staunchest Texan seriously figured the Red Raiders would whip Auburn by such a one-sided score as 35-13.

Cavazos, who branded calves during his Christmas holidays for his dad, a foreman on the famous King Ranch, put his name on three touchdowns yesterday—tying a Gator Bowl record.

He averaged almost 10.8 yards every time he ran the ball, collecting 141 yards in 13 carries. He thrilled the 32,000 fans with two sparkling displays of broken field running. He scampered 59 yards for one touchdown and started Tech on another with a 35-yard spring.

After the 35-yarder, he went on to score by snaring a 26-yard pass from Jack Kirkpatrick and hitting the line twice for four and five yards.

His 59-yard jaunt erased the record of 39 yards set by Leslie Palmer of N. C. State in the 1947 Gator Bowl.

Vic Spooner, a Tech end, blocked a Fob James punt, giving Cavazos a chance to score from the 15, which the elusive halfback did in two smashes.

And there was end Paul Erwin who had to score his touchdown twice. With the ball at Auburn's 48, Erwin took a long pass from Kirkpatrick, faked the Auburn defenders completely out of position, and ran about 30 yards for what looked like a touchdown. But a Tech offside penalty moved the ball back to Tech's 47, and on the next play Kirkpatrick and Erwin teamed up again, Erwin once more fooled Auburn's dep men, and this time it counted.

Texas League Sets Meet Date

Dallas, Jan. 2. (AP)—The Texas League will meet here next Saturday to elect a new president and secretary and adopt a 161-game schedule.

Alvin Gardner, president 24 years, and Milton Price, secretary and also executive vice-president, have resigned in favor of private business.

All eight clubs prevailed on them to remain in office at least until the end of their contracts, two years hence, but they have indicated they will not reconsider.

"I am committed to continue with Mr. Gardner in our oil business and am happy to do it," Price said.

The president's job pays $10,000 a year. Price draws $5,000.

Rose Bowl Tilt Being Rehashed

Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 2. (AP)—There is no question that the better team, Michigan State, won the Rose Bowl clash, but the critics today continued to rehash the 28-20 score over UCLA and argue several issues.

What, if any, was the deciding break, or play?

The coaches, Clarence (Biggie) Munn of the Big Ten champs and Red Sanders of UCLA, agreed that the touchdown scored on a UCLA punt blocked and run back by end Ellis Duckett in he second quarter was a big factor.

The touchdown left UCLA with only a 14-7 lead at the half instead of 14-0, and as Sanders said, such an incident not only peps up the scoring team but serves to demoralize the team scored against.

FOULS IN HUGE QUANTITIES

Grafton, W. Va., Jan. 2. (AP)—Things were pretty well fouled up last night in the basketball game between Grafton High and Weston. A total of 110 personal fouls were called. Each team lost four starters via the foul route, plus some subs. Fifty-nine infractions were against Weston, 51 against Grafton, which won, 61-55.

SWC To Begin Play for Title

(By The Associated Press)

The Southwest Conference gets down this week to the strict business of determining a basketball champion.

Six members start playing for keeps Tuesday with Texas A & M meeting Baylor at College Station, Rice and SMU clashing at Dallas and Texas and TCU battling at Fort Worth.

Rice-SMU game is a headliner. Rice is the favorite. The Owls are undefeated but SMU is a top contender.

Texas could figure in the championship. Its game with defending champion TCU attracts interest.

Basketball Meet At Northside Set

Wilbarger County's first independent basketball tournament of the season will get under way in Northside gymnasium at 6 p. m. Thursday, and will continue through Friday and Saturday nights.

Six teams already have been entered, and two more are expected to seek entry in the next few days, Mark Belew, Jr., principal of Northside High School, said Saturday.

The tournament, while not an annual affair, has been held infrequently for the past several years. It is hoped if this one is a success that it will become an annual meet, Mr. Belew said.

Teams which have entered are Fargo Gin, Phillips Camp, Vernon Independents, Blair, Okla., Garrett-Herron Furniture from Altus, Okla., and Preston Food Market, also from Altus.

Four games will be played the first night. Each team is limited to ten players.

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Along The Sideline: Comments by Cates

For those who remain unconvinced this column has readership value, I have proof in the form of a letter from two Vernon students at Texas Tech.

The youths take me to task for arguing against the admission of Tech to the Southwest Conference in a column of Dec. 27. They are quite put out. Judging from the tone of the letter I touched them in a sensitive spot.

They accuse me of being an Oakie lover and a drugstore sportswriter, whatever that is. The taunt of being an Oakie lover sends tears flowing down my leathery cheeks and sends me searching for my dueling pistols. I migrated from the Sooner State many moons ago, and after I had been here for some time came over to the idea that football teams in Texas stood head and shoulders above those from other sections of the country.

I made the point in the column that if Oklahoma should enter the conference more prestige would accrue to the SWC; a fact which should be apparent to the most casual follower of the sports pages. The Sooners have consistently been ranked among the top ten teams in the Nation.

One also must admit that Tech had one of the top teams in the country last year, but at the same time it also must be noted that Texas A&M, one of the poorer teams of the SWC in 1953, defeated the Raiders. Arguments pro and con can be advanced for days, but all the statistics gathered for a year still would not alter the fact that the SWC with seven members is an ideal size for scheduling of football games.

In my column of Dec. 27, I also commented on the strong arm methods used by Tech backers to force the SWC to admit the school. The letter from the two young men is a case in point. Across the back of the envelope in which the letter was enclosed, the words "a letter of ill feeling for Comments by Cates" was scribbled.

The letter follows:

"Mr. Cates, drugstore sportswriter for The Vernon Daily Record:

"We write this note in answer to the Dec. 27 insult of our fair school of Texas Tech. We think maybe you should look into a subject on which you make such glaring mistakes. True, Oklahoma University has a good team, but only an Okie lover would prefer an out-of-state power to a neighbor in our home state to be admitted to that grand and glorious Southwest Conference.

"We are quite capable of holding our own in such a vicious circle as that conference, but we aren't polishing apples to get it. We showed some of the more intelligent sports writers that we have something better than all but ten of the nation's top teams, of course, except you. Beating Auburn, 35-13, doesn't impress you but it does some.

"We (and when we is used: it stands for 20 or more students from Vernon at Tech) didn't appreciate your remarks and hope you give a situation some serious thought for a change.

"We have to be back the 5th, but we will be listening for better planned Comments by Cates in the future.

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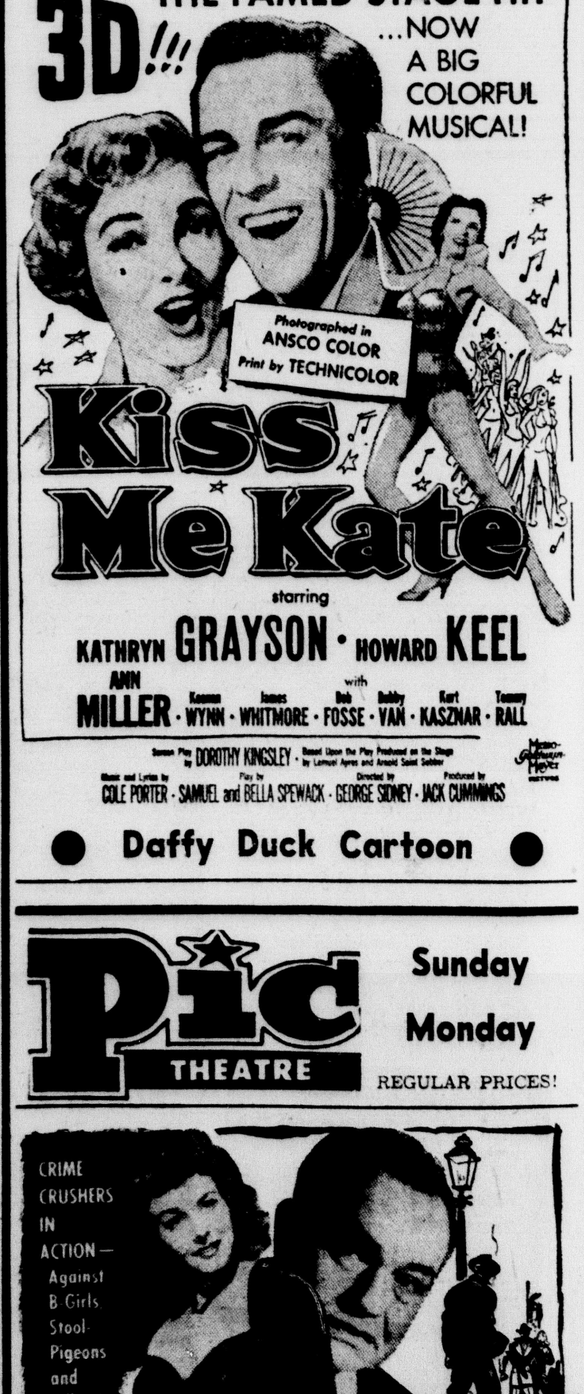

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TWO CARTOONS

Vernon, Lockett Teams Victors in Tournament

Christopher, Bolton Are Top Scorers

Two Vernon teams and two Lockett aggregations won all the honors at the Lockett Junior High and grade school basketball tournament concluded Saturday night.

The Vernon grade and junior high boys emerged victorious, and Lockett girls in the same divisions won first place honors.

Vernon juniors rolled over Lockett,, 33-23, and the grade boys outclassed Northside, 31-13. Lockett Junior High girls exploded past Oklaunion, 30-18, and that school's grade girls did the same to Odell, 40-18.

All the final games of the three-day affair were run off Saturday night, with the first match, the grade-school girls tilt, getting under way at 6:30 p.m.

Richard Christopher, Vernon guard, led his Junior High teammates to victory by punching in 10 points. James Ralph Rollins netted 13 for Lockett in a losing cause.

In the boys grade school finale, James Bolton, forward, was tops for the winners with 11.

Jackie Price, Lockett forward, pitched in 10 points to pace her team in the junior high girls fracas. Sue Castleberry was high for Oklaunion with 12.

In the grade school game Sue Leverett was tops for Lockett with 15 points. Jane Newton of Odell netted eight points.

Trophies were presented to the winning teams at the conclusion of the final game—the Vernon-Lockett Junior High match. Leon Shook, Lockett High school boys and girls coach, presented the trophies. Mr. Shook also coaches the junior and grade school as well as the elementary teams.

School officials reported attendance to be good the first two days with the gymnasium filled to capacity Saturday night.

Impulsive Gridder Warned To Laugh

Sacramento, Calif., Jan. 2. (AP)—The man who ran 64 yards the wrong way for the University of California in the 1929 Rose Bowl game with Georgia Tech had this advice today for the Alabama man who jumped from the bench in the Cotton Bowl game yesterday and tackled a Rice man on his way for a touchdown:

"Laugh with them! That's all you've got to do."

Roy Riegels, the wrong way runner, now working for a cannery, was watching the game on television when fullback Tommy Lewis grabbed Dicky Moegle, who got credit for a touchdown anyway.

"It was pretty funny," said Riegels. "We wondered immediately what had happened. I imagine the fellow felt quite peculiar about it—like a sap. A little like I did.

"He'll hear about it for a long time. But what the heck difference does it make? It's just a football game.

"But I could feel for him."

Riegels recovered a Georgia Tech fumble, lost his way and ran to his own one yard line before being dragged down by a teammate.

"It could happen to anybody," he still insists. But he's still hearing about it often.

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GARRETT IS MOST VALUABLE

West Upsets East in Shrine Bowl

San Francisco, Jan. 2. (AP)—Brilliant passing by Stanford's Bob Garrett and lightning touchdown runs by Kansas State's Veryl Switzer sparked the West all-stars to a stunning 31-7 upset victory over the East today in the 29th annual Shrine charity football game.

Garrett, voted the most valuable player by the sports writers, turned in a dazzling display of passing before a sellout crowd of 62,000, scored a touchdown and twice converted.

Switzer, the only Negro player on both squads, sprinted 20 yards to the first touchdown in the opening quarter and went the same distance for another score in the third.

Cotton Stars

Baylor's Cotton Davidson, who alternated at quarterback with Garrett, was another West star, kicking a 27-yard field goal in the third period. It was his pitchout to Switzer that got the Kansas State man's second touchdown.

The East sorely missed the full running power of Notre Dame's All-America Johnny Lattner who had a shoulder injury suffered in practice and was never in the game.

The West led 24-0 early in the final quarter when the East put together a 63-yard pass from South Carolina's John Gramling for the touchdown.

Most One-Sided

It was the most one-sided victory ever registered by a Western team in the history of the charity classic, founded Dec. 26, 1925.

Texas' end Carleton Massey was voted the game's outstanding lineman. He made numerous fine catches and was a standout on defense.

There was no doubt as to the superiority of the Western stars after they took charge with a 78-yard touchdown smash in the first quarter.

Garrett directed the stunning offense after the West got the ball on its own 22. He threw passes of 11 yards to Gary Knafelc of Colorado and 17 yards to Jerry Norton of Southern Methodist. Baylor's Jerry Coody, a hard hitting fullback, knocked off 14 yards. Switzer banged for four and went the last 20 on a delayed handoff.

In the third period, Davidson got a 27-yard field goal to make it 10-0. Near the period's end, Davidson engineered a 76-yard scoring thrust. One of his passes was for 23 yards to Stanford's All-America end Sam Morley. Another for 10 went to Southern California's Tom Nickoloff.

From 20 yards out, Switzer took a pitchout and raced right end for the touchdown. Davidson converted.

Alabama Player Apologizes For Tackling Rice Halfback

Dallas, Jan. 2. (AP)—The Cotton Bowl squads, Rice and Alabama, departed today but the memory of the tackle from the bench lived on and will be the thing that pinpoints the 1954 game in which Rice beat the Crimson Tide 28-6.

Tommy Lewis, the Alabama fullback who leaped onto the field and floored Dicky Moegle, Rice halfback off on a touchdown run, appeared to be worrying more about it than anybody.

He apologized to everybody, was told that it didn't matter—it was just the impulsive act of a college boy, and to forget it. The act did not actually figure in the outcome anyway.

The Dallas News had a front page editorial which said: "Texans know competitive spirit. We thrive on it. It might not be a bad idea to drop Tommy Lewis a line over at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala., and let him know he hasn't lost his last friend. He's quite a fighter—and we like them that way in Texas."

Coaches Jess Neely of Rice and Red Drew of Alabama brushed it off and said it was best forgotten. The incident wasn't even mentionde last night at the awards dinner when Alabama got $85,000 and Rice $75,000 from the $152,000 each received for playing in the Cotton Bowl. Each school pays a percentage back to the conference. They also pay their expenses from their "take."

Howard Grubbs, secretary of the Cotton Bowl, observed: "We got more publicity out of that than anything that might have happened."

Cotton Bowl President Otto Eisenlohr lost his voice yelling when Rice, his alma mater, won the contest and remained undefeated in bowl competition.

The twelfth man tackle isn't new in the Southwest. It happened in a Baylor-Wake Forest game at Waco in 1952 but the one here is believed to be the first in a bowl game.

Raiders Greeted With Joy By 3,500 Fort Worth Fans

Fort Worth, Jan. 2 (AP)—Texas Tech's Red Raiders got a sample of what West Texas thinks of their New Year's Gator Bowl victory when they landed at Amon Carter Field today.

It was "Texas Tech Day" in Fort Worth and some 3,500 fans swarmed around the airport as the airliner carrying Coach DeWitt Weaver and the Tech gridders set down.

A modest-talking bunch of youngsters—26 players and their student manager—clambered off the plane to receive the city's tribute before continuing to their home at Lubbock.

In the forefront of the crowd which moved forward to give a congratulatory handshake to Weaver was Amon Carter, who later led the players, coaches and wives to the air terminal dining room where they were the Fort Worth pubisher's dinner guests.

"Nothing could have made me happier than the results of the game (Tech downed Auburn 35-13) except to be able to welcome you back," Carter said.

Touching on efforts to win a place in the Southwest Conference for the Raiders, Carter stated "if the powers that be don't want to put you in we feel the public will demand it."

He stated that "I don't know if they really want to be in it—but if you do, you deserve it. I don't believe there's a team in the Southwest Conference that could have won that game the way you did."

A few minutes before the team and coaches arrived, another chartered plane containing 44 Raider backers from West Texas stopped at the airport. This group joined the crowd which later swirled around the players' craft.

Cage Scores

Princeton 64, Pitt 57.
Duke 86, Virginia 64.
Dayton 98, Murray (Ky) 68.
Auburn 76, Mississippi State 75.
Penn 86, Yale 65.
Cornell 73, Navy 61.
Indiana 62, Michigan 60.
Niagara 79, Arizona 46.
Holy Cross 70, Alabama 68.
Vanderbilt 86, Middle Tennessee 63.
Minnesota 84, Illinois 72.
Wisconsin 66, Purdue 57.
Toledo 89, Eastern Kentucky 81.

Terp Gridders Complimented

Miami, Jan. 2 (AP)—With the crowd scattered and the music stilled, Maryland and Oklahoma football teams had a day to themselves today for swimming, shopping, visiting—and second guessing Oklahoma's 7-0 victory in yesterday's Orange Bowl game.

"We lost, but we think we played a good game," was the word heard around the Maryland camp, and no one questioned it. A sports writer commented, "They took their whipping like men."

The Sooners, ranked fourth in The Associated Press poll, chanted "we're No. 1 now" as they discussed the victory over Maryland, which was given first place in the poll.

A total of 14 schools will share the Orange Bowl money. Each team was guaranteed $110,00 with probability the final cut from the profits will make it $120,000.

New York, Jan. 2 (AP)— Jack Kramer's professional tennis troupe begins another nationwide tour tomorrow afternoon at Madison Square Garden in a two-day stand in New York.

Fondren Makes All-State Team

Dallas, Jan 2 (AP)—Walter Fondren, the triple-threat star who led Lamar of Houston to its first schoolboy championship, heads the Class AAAAall-state football team selected by the Texas Sports Whiters Assn.

Fondren, sought widely by the colleges, was the only unanimous choice, getting a first team vote from each of the eight district chairmen.

The single-wing quarterback was just a few votes ahead of Carl Schlemeyer, Odessa's brilliant T pilot.

Two Dallas stars, whose teams did not get beyond the district, round out the backfiedl. They are Larry George, Crozier Tech's "one-man gang," and Paul Delfeld, fleet runner from North Dallas.

No school placed more than one player. Dallas Woodrow Wilson's contribution was Ronnie Mason, lanky offensive end and defensive halfback. The other end was Carl Carpenter of Port Arthur.

John Groom of Miller of Corpus Christi and Bobby Oliver of Abilene won the tackle posts. Ernest Lenart of Waco, a 160-pounder who had fight and speed to offset his lack of weight, and Bob Frazer, 190-pounder of Amarilla, were the guards.

Louis DelHomme was the choice at center although he finished the season playing tackle for Baytown. He got votes at both positions.

UPSET IN ELKS BOWL GAME

Greenville, N.C., Jan.2 (AP) — Morris Harvey upset East Carolina College 12-0 today in the first Elk's Bowl football game. The scores came on a three-yard off tackle thrust and a 28-yard pass in the first half. A crowd of about 5,500 saw the West Virginians make good on their two best scoring chances.

BASSETT WINS FIGHT

Paris, Jan. 2 (AP)—Percy Bassett of Philadelphia, interim world's featherweight boxing champion, knocked out Jacques Herbillion, French lightweight champion, in the first round of their scheduled 10-round bout tonight before 15,000 in the Paris Sports Palace.

Cawthon Denies Tackling Player While on Bench

Dallas, Jan. 2. (AP)—Pete Cawthon, Alabama athletic director, denied today that he ever tackled an opposing player from the bench — as Alabama's Tommy Lewis did yesterday in the Cotton Bowl.

"It was my student manager, a fellow named Doc Layne, who did it," Cawthon told Frank X. Tolbert of the Dallas News.

"That story of me tackling from the bench has haunted me for years. Not true, though I've felt like tackling from the bench some times."

Tolbert said a play in 1909 by John M. Fouts of Dallas, now head of the Trinity River improvement program, caused almost as much excitement as the Lewis incident.

"Fouts was playing end for Baylor in a game against Texas Christian," the story said. "His coach got Fouts to put on a purple TCU sweater and during a wild part of the game, slipped out on the field and lined up at the terminal of the enemy line. Fouts then caught a pass from the TCU quarterback, turned around and ran for the TCU goal line. He was tackled after a short trip."

Fouts told Tolbert that Baylor didn't gain much from the maneuver "but just demoralized the TCU team."

Tolbert said D. X. Bible, now athletic director of the University of Texas, was almost mobbed many years ago in a coach-player switch in Nashville. Bible was then coaching a Tennessee high school team.

"Before a game at Nashville, Bible's star quarterback came up lame," the story said. "So D. X. had the kid play the role of coach, and Bible, a first rate backfielder, played quarterback. Everything would have been all right except that Bible was bald headed and once after a particularly hard tackle, Bible's helmet came off and his naked head came up out of the scrimmage like a new moon."

Bible told Tolbert: "The Nashville fans were not amused. I thought they were going to lynch me for a spell there."

Senior Bowl Game in Mobile To Climax Football Season

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 2. (AP)—Some of the stars of the New Year's Day bowl games and the other year-end all star contests will pool their football talents in the fifth annual Senior Bowl game here Saturday.

In this grand windup to a topsy-turvy collegiate season, 47 performers on the North and South squads turn pro since they get cash along with glory for their afternoon activities.

Paul Brown and Steve Owen, who'll coach the opposing teams, already are on hand.

For some of the bowl players it'll mean continuing their New Year's Day rivalry. But opposing Rose and Gator Bowl performers will line up on the same side for the all-star contest here.

UCLA halfback Bill Stits, for instance, will play in the same backfield with Billy Wells, whose flying feet helped pump Michigan State to victory at Pasadena. Wells is bringing with him teammates Don Dohoney, All America end, and center Jim Neal.

Gator Bowl Represented

Five Gator Bowl players who bumped heads at Jacksonville, Fla., will work together on the South squad. Bobby Cavazos, who scored three touchdowns in Texas Tech's 35-13 rout of Auburn, will bring along teammate Jim Williams, a tackle. From Auburn are coming three Mobile boys, backs Vince Dooley and Bobby Duke and center Ed Baker.

From the Orange Bowl are coming two members of the winning Oklahoma team — All America gdard J. D. Roberts and tackle Bob Morgan. Geography and sectional sentiment are giving way to squad balance in this one with the Oklahoma players being assigned to the South and the Maryland players going to the North.

Lewis Included

Owen will get four players from Alabama's Cotton Bowl team, including fullback Tommy Lewis, who staged that now famous off-the-bench tackle. Others are end Bud Willis, center Ralph Carrigan and tackle Billy Shipp.

No doubt Owen would also like to have Dicky Moegle, Rice's will o' the wisp halfback who ran Alabama ragged. But Moegle is only a junior and isn't eligible.

It will also be a repeat lineup for West Virginia and Georgia Tech players who opposed each other in the Sugar Bowl. Tommy Allman, West Virginia fullback, will play with the North against Tech's fullback Glenn Turner and end Dave Davis.

D'MARCO WHIPS DUPAS

New Orleans, Jan. 2. (AP)—Paddy DeMarco of Brooklyn jumped into higher lightweight title contention tonight by scoring a 10-round split decision over Ralph Dupas of New Orleans in a nationally televised match. DeMarco, rated ninth among lightweights, weighed 138½. Dupas, the third ranking lightweight, weighed 139.

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Arkansas Whips Tulsa University

Fayetteville, Ark., Jan. 2 (AP)—Arkansas' Razorbacks shook off a ragged start to put on a fourth quarter scoring spree and turn back Tulsa's Golden Hurricane 55-44 tonight.

The Arkansas crew, trailing by four points at the half and 41-38 at the end of the third quarter, sank 10 points in less than a minute's play in the last period to clinch the victory.

It evened the series between the two schools. Tulsa won the first contest early this season by a single point.

HEAD COACH NAMED

Kingsville, Jan. 2 (AP)—Appointment of Texas A&M Backfield Coach Gilbert E. Steinke as head coach and athletic director at Texas A&I here was announced today by Dr. E. H. Poteet, A&I president. The appointment is subject to Steinke's being released from his present contract at A&M, Poteet said. The tentative date for the new coach to assume duties here is Feb. 1. Steinke is to succeed Dewey E. Mayhew, who asked last month to be relieved. Mayhew will stay as an assistant coach and professor of health and physical education, Poteet said.

BENSON IS GRANDFATHER

Sacramento, Calif., Jan. 2. (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson is a grandpa. His first grandchild was born today to his son and his daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Benson. It was a boy.

MISHAP INJURIES FATAL

Colorado Springs, Jan. 2. (AP)—Cpl. Lloyd Sincl, 22, died today of injuries suffered in an auto accident Christmas morning. He was the son of Jon Sienl of New Ulm, Texas. Sincl's auto plunged down an embankment 10 miles south of Colorado Springs.

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TEXANS IN WASHINGTON--

Texas Congressmen Have Many Unsettled Problems

By TEX EASLEY

Washington. (AP) — Texas congressmen find many unsettled problems of interest to their State. These include:

Cotton acreage quotas: The national quota is 17,900,000 acres, which forces a drastic cut in planting for many growers. Congress is almost certain to increase this to about 21,500,000, as recommended by Agriculture Secretary Benson. Planting begins shortly in the Rio Grande Valley, so this probably will be the first major laws to get action.

Cattle price supports: Brought to a head by last Summer's drouth this question is one which will be wrangled over at length before any decision is reached. With supports normally come production control. Cattlemen are widely split on this issue.

Oil imports: The industry is divided as to what should be done. Most independent operators want Congress to enact a law restricting shipments of foreign oil into this country to about 5 to 10 per cent of domestic demand. Major oil companies, which do most of the importing, as a whole oppose restrictions. Some have voluntarily cut their incoming shipments, but independents say not enough.

Hawaii-Alaska statehood: Over the opposition of most Texas representatives the House last session passed a bill granting Hawaii statehood. There's much opposition in the Senate, where some Democrats insist Alaska be included in the bill to offset admission of normally Republican Hawaii.

If Alaska is admitted, Texas becomes the second largest state. Southern opposition is based on the fact that pro-civil rights forces would gain in the Senate.

As for the management of Congress, the new session will remain in Republican control, but Sen. Lyndon Johnson and Rep. Sam Rayburn, both Texans, will probably exercise greater influence as minority leaders in 1954 than in 1953.

Generally, they went along with the Eisenhower administration last session, especially with the President personally. But with politics simmering, the Texans may become more outspoken critics of GOP moves. If Democrats win control of the 84th Congress starting in 1955, Rayburn and Johnson would be cast in more important roles in the presidential year of 1956. Johnson has been mentioned by some party leaders as a possibility for the Democratic nomination in 1956.

American Unit in Korea Comes To Aid of Orphans

Seoul, Jan. 2. (AP)—Eighty orphan children who were found living like starving animals in a cave last spring have enjoyed holiday gifts of food and toys and clothing as the result of kindheartedness from the American 3rd Bombardment Wing.

They are now sheltered in the Ok-Bong orphanage near Kunsan on South Korea's west coast.

The center, which now cares for 96 children made homeless by the ravages of war, is a gift to them from the Air Force.

The 808th Engineer Aviation Batallion constructed the first unit of the new home. The Bombing Squadrons, tactical components of the 3rd Wing, constructed the other five. Men of the 808th donated $448. The George Morar Square Club, a mosanic social organization at the air base, raised $3,539.

The 80 children in the cave had banded together under the leadership and protection of an 18-year-old Korean lad, whose name has been forgotten. Shortly before they were found, partly naked and hungry, by Chaplain Luther D. Fletcher, Greenville, S.C., their 18-year-old Korean protector was drafted into the army of the Republic of Korea.

Help From U. S.

Aid began coming in from many quarters. A great portion came from the Chicago area in response to a plea from Staff Sgt. Robert L. Zeigner, Sherman, Texas, printed in a Chicago newspaper. The Waco, Texas, chapter of the American Red Cross sent aid. Clothing was provided from donations sent by personnel at Mitchell Air Force Base, N.Y.

An Ok-Bong school teacher, who had taken an interest in the boys and contributed part of her salary was selected to head the new orphanage. The Masonic club's fund also provided a gratuity for her.

Men of the 3rd Bomb Wing are also assisting 14 other orphanages near their base.

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W. B. Abbott to C. L. Baker, et ux, east 60', lots 5 and 6, block 5, R. F. Jones.

H. L. Wilkinson, et ux, to Clois E. Phipps, et ux, lot 17, Simmonds Add.

Vernon Housing Corp. to James L. Todd, et ux, west 31.67', lot 21 and east 53.67', lot 22, Simmonds Add.

O. E. Johnson, et ux, to Jessie Hopkins, south half of southeast quarter, block 41, S. A.

Oil and Gas Leases

Margaret Webb, et al, to Baker Properties, south 120 a. of west half section 8, block 5, H&TC.

W. T. Waggoner Estate to Lloyd Patton, 120 a. in section 21, block 5, H&TC.

Christmas Week Sales Ahead of Same 1952 Period

Washington, Jan. 2. (AP)—Shopping right up to Santa Claus' takeoff time pushed department store sales during Christmas week 12 per cent ahead of the corresponding week last year.

The Federal Reserve Board made the estimate, pointing out that the week ending Dec. 26 had had one more pre-Christmas shopping day in 1953 than the year before, because Christmas, 1952, was a Thursday.

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Old Church Now in Use Dedicated 40 Years Ago

Dedicatory services at the new Central Christian Church Sunday will bring back memories to several members of another such service in 1913, when the now old church building at the corner of Wilbarger and Mesquite Streets was dedicated.

Two sons of members of the building committee of that day also served on the committee which carried to completion the construction of the new building. They are Judge Green, son of the late D. L. Green, and Evans Mason, son of Harry Mason.

Other members of the present building committee are Hollis Miller, Jim Geer, H. A. McCarty, David Nowlin, Joe Parr and Ed Teer.

The decision to develop a building program was made by the congregation on Dec. 16, 1951, and the kick-off dinner to raise the necessary funds was held in February, 1952. Robert B. Anderson, now Secretary of the Navy, was the principal speaker.

Although the church has been completed, other plans have been made for construction of another educational wing, kitchen, dining facilities and a recreation room. While a fairly large number of persons can remember when the church building in 1913 was completed, few are alive today to tell the story of the organization of the Central Christian Church in 1888.

Charter members of the church held their first meeting on Dec. 6, 1888, in the public school building, where the members met for services for several years.

In the Summer of 1889, Addison Clark, president of Add-Ran College of Thorp Spring, Texas, (later to become Texas Christian University) conducted a meeting in the school building. He returned the following year for another meeting at which time the congregation decided to construct its first building.

PLACE OF WORSHIP—Picture above is main sanctuary of the new Central Christian Church building, which will be dedicated Sunday. The first worship service will be held starting at 10:50 a. m. It is located at 2100 South Hillcrest Road.

PASTOR—Rev. Kenneth Teegarden has been minister of the Central Christian Church since June of 1949. A native of Oklahoma, he received his BD degree from Texas Christian University. Before coming to Vernon he served churches in Chandler, Okla., and Texas City.

PRINCIPAL SPEAKER — Dr. Roy C. Snodgrass, dean of Brite College of the Bible at Texas Christian University, will conduct community service at 3 p. m. Sunday at the dedication services of the New Central Christian Church building at 2100 South Hill Crest Road.

Spraberry Tries New Technique

By BILL SLOCUM
The Dallas Times Herald
Oil Editor

Dallas (AP)—A new well-fracturing technique being tried out in the huge Spraberry Trend Oil Field of West Texas should encourage hundreds of royalty owners, land owners and oil operators who have been disapointed in financial returns from the big field.

The Spraberry has been described as "the largest reserve of unrecoverable oil in the world."

The new technique, developed by Southern Production Co. Fort Worth, has been used experimentally on eight Spraberry wells with exceptional results. In these eight wells, average daily production has been increased from 27.2 to 160.8 barrels a day.

The new method is a modification of accepted fracturing practices, in which a large quantity of fluid carrying sand in suspension is pumped under pressure into a low-output well. As pressure is built up, the fluid fractures the formation in all directions from the well bore, deposting the sand to prop open the fractures after the treating fluid is withdraws.

The well tubing is pulled and treatment is performed down the casing in the new technique. A specially designed manifold permits hooking as many as eight pumping trucks directly to the well.

It is possible under this arrangement to inject the oil-sand mix into the producing formation at a rate as high as 66 barrels a minute, compared to 7 to 8 barrels a minute under conventional operations performed through the tubing and using only one pump truck.

The higher injection rate achieves a much deeper penetration of the producing formation, providing better drainage and thereby increasing the well's productivity.

If the test wells maintain their increased rate of production the new technique could be considered the most promising development since the 1949 discovery of the field.

Southern Production engineers say no firm conclusions can be drawn from results to date, and tht a period of many months will be required for sound evaluation of the method.

The Spraberry Field has been a big disappointment to many. It contains nearly 300,000 productive acres, but most of it has not yet been drilled because of the reservoir's poor performance to date. As the once-high production of wells tapered off and gas-oil ratios climbed, it became apparent that many would never pay out.

Drilling activity fell off, and many operators said they would not drill their leases until some new recovery method was devised to obtain a higher percentage of the oil in place.

Father Settles Argument Of Daughters Over TV

Madison, Wis., Jan. 2. (AP)—Police Officer Daryl Jensen told today how a Madison man arrived home to find his two teenage daughters arguing over what they wanted to watch.

"I'll decide for you," he said.

Whereupon father kicked in the 21-inch screen.

Jensen reprimanded the kicker and said no charges were brought. The man's wife said the machine would be repaired.

Radio Will Have Additional Uses

Washington, Jan. 2. (AP)—The year 1954 holds some great scientific promises for the little guy.

Such as being able to broadcast the mating call of the moose, by portable radio transmitter equipped with loudspeaker, so the bulls will be lured deceitfully into range of his gun. Or summoning wild ducks in the same manner.

These are less serious possibilities for a radio band, 460 to 470 megacycles, called the Citizens Radio Service, which the Federal Communications Commission has set aside for ordinary people's personal use.

Walkie-Talkies

More serious possibilities include the use of lightweight walkie-talkies for search parties to keep in touch, while looking for lost hunters, skiers or children. If carried in a car, one would be handy for summoning aid in case of a highway accident. They could be invaluable in a defense emergency.

The citizens' band was set aside in 1949, but war equipment demands left little time for manufacturing personal walkie-talkies. Now the equipment is beginning to come on the market.

Another band, on 27 megacycles, is for the radio control of model airplanes.

A U. S. citizen over 18 needs few qualifications to get on the air in the Citizens Band: He must agree not to engage in criminality, and not to broadcast to the public or charge for messages.

The uses aren't all talk and play. A man out West controls gates on his irrigation ditches by pressing a button in his easy chair in the ranch house.

Japan Expects Turning Point

Tokyo. (AP)—This year likely will mark a turning point in Japan's history. Will she crumble under the weight of her many problems, or rise to achieve for herself an honored place in the community of free nations?

Towering above the myriad problems is that of rearmament—the rectification of what Vice President Richard Nixon called the U. S. mistake in stripping Japan of all her militant potential at the end of World War II.

To rearm, Japan must revise a constitution that specifically bans all military forces. To revise her constitution, Japan must achieve political stability. No single political party can muster the two-thirds vote in Parliament necessary in revising the constitution.

Fluoridation of Water Is Cause of Controversy

New York. (AP)—The movement to put fluoride in drinking water to reduce tooth decay is gaining speed. But so is its opposition, a nationwide Associated Press survey finds.

Nearly one of every eight Americans now is drinking fluoridated water, by American Dental Association tally. Fluorides have been added to water for 15,578,000 persons in 837 communities—more than half starting it in the last two years. Another 3¾ million drink water naturally containing effective amounts of fluorides.

At least 120 other communities are planning to fluoridate, including Philadelphia and Cleveland. Scores of other towns are debating it.

Approved as Safe

It is hailed by official health bodies as perfectly safe, and a great public health measure against the nation's most widespread disease, tooth decay.

Among opponents, some say it isn't proven absolutely safe. Others say it might cause serious disease. Some call it "rat poison." Some oppose it on religious grounds.

Fluoridation has almost always been started by decision of city councils or other local governing bodies with public health department approval, and usually after public hearings. In 19 towns, city councils decided against it.

Where it was voted upon, citizens approved it in 20 communities, turned it down in 40, of which 13 were in California. In nine towns where it was started, citizens halted it later by public vote.

Fluoridation controversies have figured in at least nine lawsuits. Suits challenging its constitutionality are pending before supreme courts in Washington, Oregon and North Dakota.

In places, it is a bitterly debated issue. In others, it is not. Why? This is the fluoridation story:

Fluorine, a natural chemical element, in pure form is a lemon-yellow gas, highly reactive.

There is a little bit of fluorine, in combination with other chemicals, in human bones, teeth, blood and other organs. Almost all water contains a tiny bit of fluoride. Sea water has one part per million. Vegetables and other foods contain tiny amounts of fluorides.

Fluoridation means adding controlled amounts of sodium fluoride—a salt form of fluorine—to water at the rate of one drop for every million drops of water.

Health studies find this content of fluoride reduces tooth decay among children by 35 to 65 per cent. The fluoride makes maturing teeth more resistant to decay—but just how it works isn't clear yet. It takes a few years for the good effects to appear. There is also a little evidence that fluoridation gives some protection to teeth of persons who were young adults when fluoridation was started.

There is no change in the taste, odor, or color of water from the added fluoride. It costs from 5 to 14 cents per person per year.

Children Good On Radio, TV

New York (AP)—Kids are naturals for radio and television, says Art Linkletter.

It's not just because they can be led into saying cute and sometimes foolish things, declares the master of ceremonies of "House Party" an CBS radio and TV. It's simply the fact that they are children and, he says, that all adults yearn to recapture "the honesty, directness and innocent sense of wonder and discovery that they can recall from their own childhood.

Linkletter, with five children of his own, never ceases to be fascinated by the child's affinity for the truth.

"Children always tell the truth as they see it—even if their parents have to change their names and sneak out of town the next day," he observes.

Like the time he asked one little boy, "What does your father do?"

"I don't know exactly replied the small fry. "It's something in the basement called poker."

In dealing with his own children and those on his broadcasts, Linkletter observes one cardinal rule—never talk down to them. He thinks all kids should be treated with the same dignity and respect as adults.

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Dave Garroway says those slow-paced, relaxed performances on his Friday evening NBC-TV show only look that way and actually are as hard to do as the yak-a-minute production.

"It's harder to do, in a way," says the angular, genial emcee.

"That type material is hard to get. And the very fact that it's simple makes it hard."

But the idea, he says, is to perform as if the audience was the mythical, statistical 2.6 persons per set that the research boys report as the average number of viewers.

"People in small groups are different animals from people in large groups," he says.

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Ranch Is Being Constructed In Arkansas by Rockefeller

By JOHN ALEXANDER
of the Kansas City Star

Little Rock, Ark., (AP)—On a scenic mountain 50 miles northwest of this city, a big project is a-building. It's Winrock Ranch, the Arkansas estate recently acquired by Windrop Rockfeller.

Bulldozers are whacking off hilltops, mowing down scrub pines Men are laying water pipes and building roads, stringing electric lines, leveling fields, hauling out boulders. Carpenters and stone masons are building houses and barns.

To Raise Texas Cattle

Besides the power machinery there are 100 to 150 men at work on the 1,000-acre site where the multimillionaire New Yorker is going to raise Texas cattle—the cherry-red Santa Gertrudis breed—on what may soon be known as the fanciest ranch in Arkansas.

Rockefeller, in levis and sports shirt and looking happy, was wandering around in ankle-deep dust with a landscape architect who seemed confused.

"That little oak tree over there," Rockefeller told the landscape man pointing, "is definitely one to keep. Let's move it over there to where the edge of the corral will be.. And, say, do we have to have a retaining wall there?"

One of the Rockefeller's house guests came on the scene.

"Hy, Winthrop," he said, waving a tall glass, "where are your cows? I hear you bought a bull yesterday for $50,000."

"Not a bull—two bulls," replied Rockefeller. "And they're the best. One was $31,500 and the other $21,000—we got 'em at the King Ranch."

Herd Not Ready to Move

Rockefeller, biggest of the five sons of John D. Jr., and the only one who has come West to build up what may become a sort of Pocantico Hills of his own, said he wasn't ready yet to move his herd up to the mountain top.

"As you can see for yourself—" he waved his arm in the general direction of the construction work—"we've got a lot of work to do here yet. We'll start the fencing job in two weeks. There's a chance we'll bring the cattle here by March."

Rockefeller said that besides the bulls he has bought 20 heifers and hopes to get 10 more.

"Th Santa Gertrudis is a wonderful strain, a great beef--producer, heat resistant," he said. "I first got interested in them in 1932 when I was visiting Bob Kleberg down on the King Ranch in Texas. I've watched all the developments since then."

A visitor at Winrock asked Rockefeller why he had selected the top of a flat mountain in Arkansas for establishing a cattle ranch. Weren't there attractive mountains closer to the New York headquarters of Rockefeller Brothers, Inc.?

"I had good reason to come to Arkansas," he said, the smile lingering. "Frank Newell, my old Army friend from Little Rock, is more responsible than anybody else. He talked a lot of Arkansas to me in the South Pacific."

One of the reasons why Winrock Farm is running into expense is an irrigation system of tremendous size, which will make it possible to water the pastures and insure luxuriant growth of choicest grasses for the Santa Gertrudis cattle. From the Petit Jean River, which joins the Arkansas River near the base of the mountain, water will be boosted to the upland level (1,000 feet almost straight up) by pumps with a capacity of 1,320 gallons a minute.

Experts say the water supply this system can deliver would be adequate for a town of 5,000. The irrigation equipment, making use of six-inch aluminum pipe, will be fitted with sprinkler heads and nozzles so that five acres of pasture can be under a "rain" amounting to almost three inches in 4½ hours. Plans are being made to sprinkle 189 acres of pasture whenever the weather is dry.

No Rich Man's Toy

Rockefeller laughted at reports that he had been constructing a secluded retreat where he could "get away from it all," and showed scorn for a rumor that the mountain ranch was merely a rich man's toy.

"When I came to Arkansas last July, I came to stay," he said.

Of course, Rockefeller pointed out, he was going to have accommodations for visitors. In the main house, on which construction has a fair start, there will be four bedrooms. Betwen the guest house and another structure which may be utilized by members of his staff, there is now room for 10 people.

The main dwelling, located near the edge of the steep 1,000-foot dropoff, has an unsurpassed view of the Arkansas River Valley. A nearby resident said, "If the sun sets anywhere in the world, it's in Winthrop's front yard."

Latin America's Ills Are Mostly Economic

Buenos Aires. (AP)—In Latin America, where nearly half of the United States foreign capital is invested, ills are mostly economic.

Early this year Uncle Sam will be asked to solve many of these ills, directly or indirectly, to protect his big investment and keep the southern countries as good customers.

At the 10th Inter-American Conference starting March 1 in Carcas, some southern neighbors will urge the United States to assure stable prices for Latin America's basic metals, petroleum, coffee and other products, knock down trade barriers and keep tariffs low.

Big Year For Soviets And Party

Moscow. (AP)—The Soviet Communist Party and government faces a big year in 1954 on both the domestic and international fronts.

On the domestic front: Premier Georgi Malenkov's massive drive to raise nationwide standards of living rests fundamentally upon the response of the Soviet peasantry. First results will become apparent in the Spring and Summer of the coming year. Then it will be seen whether supplies of agricultural goods last longer than previously, whether they will be able to hold up through the year despite increased consumption due to the 1953 price cuts.

On paper the task looks formidable. The government has called for significant increases in head of cattle and livestock, but at the same time has called for a big increase in the amount of meat available for public consumption—from the three million tons in 1953 to the 4.9 million tons which is the 1954 target. It has called for more agricultural products for public good, but at the same time has promised a sharp rise in the amount of agricultural products available for industry.

On the international front: Veteran Western observers in Moscow cling to the opinion the Soviet government has not changed its basic position on the principal outstanding international issues.

India Churning With Activity

New Delhi, India (AP) — The prospect of a new voice in South Asia— challenging the right of Prime Minister Nehru's neutral bloc to speak for this area of nearly a third of the world's people—is likely to keep the Indian subcontinent churning with activity during 1954.

This will be the growing voice of Pakistan. The challenge is based on the expectation of substantial military assistance from the United States. This poses a threat to Nehru's position as a dominant leader, not only on the Indian subcontinent but in the entire area from Cairo to Jakarta.

Nehru sees the prospects of this developments' strengthening Pakistan in its struggle for Kashmir. He has ordered his ruling Congress party to open a campaign to "mobilize public opinion" against a United States-Pakistan arms pact.

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Simple Dignity Featured In New Church Building

The new Central Christian Church building may be classified architecturally as contemporary in design and is but little influenced by any of the traditional styles. Instead of closely following the use of Colonial or Gothic pattern, the Church has been designed to achieve dignity and beauty found in the past styles but interpreted in modern manner and executed with modern materials and building techniques.

The arrangement of the main elements of the exterior of the Church follows a somewhat Colonial theme, with tall columned portico and lofty tower dominating the composition, but here the similarity with Colonial architecture ends. The clean, simple lines of contemporary architecture offered the best possibilities for unity and continuity between the Church Sanctuary Wing and the Educational Building requirements. The basic design of the Church calls for an additional one-story educational unit located to the north of the two-story educational unit terminated by the social hall, which will be constructed as soon as possible. Completion of this phase of the work will add to the dominance of the sanctuary and complete the architectural composition of the church plan, which depends more on composition, and interesting arrangement of the elements, than upon architectural detail.

The use of simple, fine materials, witmh which the building is constructed, takes the place of rich architectural detail employed in the traditional style. The simple, but durable, materials of the brick, stone, aluminum and concrete employed on the exterior of the building were carefully selected to contribute to the beauty of the building, and the enduring quality of these materials will insure lasting effectiveness.

The interior of the church has been designed to provide a background for the worship service that will contribute a feeling of reverence and inspiration. Each material has been employed for its design qualities, and its contribution to the unity of the composition and the simplicity with which it is assembled. The graceful, free-standing arches of steel are designed not only to support the roof structure but to create an illusion of height and spaciousness which would not otherwise be possible in a relatively wide sanctuary with low walls. The free-standing arches also make it possible to conceal gracefully the air conditioning duct system and suggest a separation between the sanctuary proper and the side aisles. The rhythmic spacing of the arches and the pattern formed by the ceiling beams are composed to focus attention to the chancel where the baptistry, community table, and towering oak cross with dossal curtain, super - imposed from floor to ceiling, are made the focal point in the sanctuary.

The chancel, with the pulpit and lectern on opposite sides and the choir dicided, is arranged to emphasize the church ordinances and to provide semi-screening for choir and organ.

The balcony has been employed in the design of the church to provide seating space for the services which requite a maximum seating, and to provide the emptiness in the sanctuary if the overflow seating were provided for on the sanctuary floor. An unusual amount of color has been employed in the Narthex, sanctuary, chancel and furnishings to give richness to the simple design. The exposed brick furnishes the basic rusty pink of the color scheme with the aqua of the aisle ceilings, beige ceiling, taupe arches, and maroon Dossal curtain furnishing a richly colored background for the silver-gray oak furnishings.

Architectural details within the sanctuary are simple and restrained in order not to detract from the service.

The sanctuary and chancel lighting is designed to provide some flexibility in the intensity of the lighting. All lights within the sanctuary and chancel proper are concealed indirect cove lighting or special purpose and accent lighting which are obscured from the congregation behind the steel arches. The only visible lighting from the sanctuary is the row of flush recessed lights in the ceiling above each side aisle. The church may be lighted entirely by the cove lighting which provides a very soft light with colorful illumination of the beamed ceiling. Likewise, the church may be lighted by the aisle lights only which provide light of sufficient intensity for reading hymnals, and low level lighting on the ceiling. A combination of the two types of lighting offers the possibility of a higher level of light. The special purpose lights provide light for the pulpit, lectern and the baptistry and communion table and may be used both with and without the other lighting for unusual effects. The entire lighting system is arranged to avoid glare or distracting bright spots so often present in conventional church lantern or chandelier type decorative fixtures.

The church furnishings have been designed especially for this modern building with simple clean lines which emphasize the beauty of the red oak materials.

The church is completely air conditioned for both Summer and Winter.

The additional wing to be added will provide the complete educational requirements of the church together with a large recreation-dining room and kitchen. Until such time as the entire building is complete, several adjustments will be made in the use of classroom space.

Classes Will Be Resumed In Quanah Schools Monday

Special to The Record

Quanah, Jan. 2.—Classes in the Quanah Public Schools will be resumed on Monday.

When classes were dismissed for the Christmas holidays, plans were for a one-week vacation for the students, but the break of a return water pipe in the heating system caused the holiday to be lengthened to two weeks.

The pipe was located in a concrete floor, and a brass pipe had to be run around the building to cut off the broken pipe and return water to the boilers.

Quanah Police Force Cars Now Have Two-Way Radios

Special to The Record

Quanah, Jan. 2.—The Quanah police force goes into the new year with two-way short wave radio equipment.

A tall aerial has been installed on top of the city hall which also houses the transmitting equipment. Radios were also installed in the patrol cars this week.

Miss Mary Beth Belew, Miss Sybil Townsend, Bill James and Marvin Rogers have returned to Baylor University in Waco after being holiday visitors in Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Westmoreland and children have returned from Oklahoma City and Bartlesville, Okla., where they visited during the week-end.

COWGIRL SWEETHEART — Miss Robbie Jean Streit, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Streit of Lockett, has been chosen as the 1954 Cowgirl Sweetheart of Wilbarger County. She will represent the city on Vernon Day, Feb. 4, at the Southwest Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth. A graduate of Lockett High School last year, Miss Streit is a freshman at Midwestern University and recently was selected as Homecoming Princess there.

Michael and MollyMiles, children of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Miles, have returned to their home in Oklahoma City, after visiting in the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Sharp.

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BUSINESS MIRROR—

Some Resolutions For New Year

BY SAM DAWSON

New York, Jan. 2. (AP)—A few resolutions for the New Year:

Everyone might resolve to stop yak-yaking so much and start doing a little more.

Economists could stop forecasting—especially since each prediction must start with "depending on what Russia does" and end up "provided the consumer doesn't decide to save his money."

Politicians could stop frightening people by being so grimly reassuring. This nation never yet has had a recession it was "talked into"—the man in the street is usually the last person to notice that business has slowed down. By the same token, this nation has never had a period of prosperity it was "talked into," either. But too much talk about how things will always go on being bigger and better can make people stop and wonder.

Standard Equipment

Auto makers could resolve to stop calling everything an accessory and charging extra for it. Please, boys, at least leave us the wheels as standard equipment.

You might stop talking about the good old days as if you thought they would return. Housewives could stop dreaming about a return to prewar prices, it's most unlikely. Some factory owners could stop harping on the days when labor cost much less than now, a return to 1930 levels is most unlikely.

Business men might recognize that times are changing. The frantic postwar years when people would pay almost anything for what they wanted are going, going, gone. If your profits don't set new records year after year, it will be a pity. But as long as you stay in the black, you won't become an object of universal pity.

The ad men who write commercials for the radio and TV might resolve to take things a little easier. Do commercials have to be that long? And that numerous? And the pressure on the public that feverish? Too much is enough, boys.

Hint to Comedians

Comedians on the radio and TV could strive fo ra little better taste—or if that is foreign to their nature, for a little more restraint. After all, boys, there's a difference between the living room and the smoking car.

Some salesmen and clerks might learn that they aren't conferring a favor on a customer any more when they sell him something. He may be helping them hold their jobs if he buys an item after they show him what he asks for, explain if he asks what materials are in it, and convince him the price is right.

Some customers could resolve to recognize that clerks are people, too. Politeness is a two-way street. And don't quarrel with your merchant because he wants to make an honest living. Don't expect him to give you the stuff below cost.

Women Customers

Some women customers might resolve to note that habitually and rudely pushing ahead of a male customer who has been waiting patiently doesn't make them look as ladylike and protection-worthy as they seem to think.

The weatherman could resolve to cut down on the tricks he played on us in 1953. Farmers could get along without the drouths and the floods. Utilities and railroads could get along without the unheralded snowstorms. All but the air-conditioning men and the soda pop sellers could get along without the heat-waves.

And the postman might resolve to forget to deliver all those New Year bills.

SEARCH CALLED OFF

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 2. (AP)—The Air Force called off at noon today their search for a missing Navy Beechcraft plane. An Air Force source reported at the same time, that the chances any of the four aboard survived the Monday crash are "not too good." The plane was en route to Jacksonville from Norfolk, Va.

WILL NAMES COUNTESS

London, Jan. 2. (AP)—The Countess of Dudley, 37, was named beneficiary today in the will of a London stockbroker who was recently cited in her divorce case. Gerard Gooreynd, 52, who died in October, left her about $28,000. The Countess has filed a petition for divorce against her husband, 60. Defending the case, he cited three men including the stockbroker.

Deaths

JESSE E. WOODALL

Wichita Falls, Jan. 2.—Funeral services for Jesse E. Woodall, 68, were held Saturday with burial in Rosemont Cemetery. He died Thursday in a local hospital. Mr. Woodall was an oil well driller and had lived in Wichita Fals for 30 years. Survivors incude his widow, one son, a daughter and two stepsons.

JAMES MIX

Wichita Falls, Jan. 2.—Final rites for James Mix, 75, were held Saturday with burial in Crestview Memorial Park. He was found dead Thursday at his home and death was ruled by a Justice of the Peace from natural causes. Mr. Mix was a desk clerk at a motor lodge here.

A. J. DYE

Seymour, Jan. 2.—Funeral services for A. J. Dye, 32, were held Friday at the First Methodist Church here. He died Thursday in a Big Spring hospital following an illness of several months. Survivors include his widow, two sons and a daughter.

GEORGE H. M'DONALD

Seymour, Jan. 2.—George H. McDonald, 61, a resident of this section for more than 34 years, died late Thursday in a local hospital. He was a farmer and dairy operator. Mr. McDonald came here in 1919 and formerly lived in Abbott and Valley Mills.

MRS. GRACE LUECKE

Wichita Falls, Jan. 2.—Graveside rites for Mrs. Grace Luecke were held here Saturday following services Friday in Odessa. She died Wednesday in Odessa where she had been living with a daughter since moving from this city in 1925. She had resided here from 1908 until going to Odessa.

DR. M. A. COOPER

Childress, Jan. 2.—Funeral services for Dr. M. A. Cooper, 73, were held Thursday in the Childress Church of Christ. He died Tuesday in a local hospital. A native of Sherman, Dr. Cooper moved to Childress from Leakey in 1912. Survivors include his widow, three daughters and two sons.

MRS. WINNIE S. KROG

Wichita Falls, Jan. 2.—Last rites for Mrs. Willie S. Krog, 58, will be held at 2 p. m. Monday at Hampton-Vaughan-Merkle Funeral Home. She died Friday in a local hospital. Survivors include her husband, one son and two brothers.

Wheat Acreage Estimate Down

Austin, Jan. 2 (AP)—Texas wheat acreage planted last fall was estimated at 4,731,000 acres as of Dec. 1, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

This is 13 per cent less than the 5,438,000 acres planted a year ago and 19 per cent below the 1942-51 average of 5,873,000 acres.

About 5 per cent of the acreage seeded, or 230,000 acres, exceeds individual allotments and is designated for pasture and cover.

Total acreage is still about 2 per cent less than the 4.8 million acres allotted the state.

The condition of the growing crop Dec. 1 was the highest reported at this time since the very favorable 1947 crop season and indicates a yield of 11 bushels per planted acre.

Good Yield Indicated

Based on total planted acreage and present conditions, a production of 52,041,000 bushels is in prospect, said USDA. This would more than double this year's crop of 23,035,000 bushels. The 10-year average is 59,088,000 bushels.

Fall rains made it possible to sow intended acreage about on schedule.

"Soil moisture conditions were more favorable for germination an dearly growth than in any year since 1946—a sharp contrast to the past four years of poor starts and near failures," said USDA.

Plants have heavy, well-established roots and mild fall weather stimulated good top growth.

SLAVE, 110, DIES

Houston, Jan. 2 (AP)—James Robinson, 110, slave, died Thursday night.

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West Texas Utilities Company

Texas Entering New Year With Ledger Balanced

By MARVIN BRAU
Associated Press Staff

Texas took the good and bad in stride during 1953 and entered the new year with a well balanced ledger.

These facts point to the healthy condition of the State:

Texas is the second fastest growing state.

Construction is still high, sometimes record-breaking.

Bank deposits are impressive.

Farm prospects are brighter. The drouth in some West Texas areas was not as bad as first feared. Some north and East Texas counties had their biggest wheat and cotton crops.

Department store sales ran about even or slightly above 1952.

Second in Population

The Census Bureau's latest report showed Texas behind only California in population growth. The Bureau said that from 1950 to July 1, 1952, the State's population jumped from 7,711,194 to 8,184,000, or 5.4 per cent.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, in its last report from member banks, 85 per cent of all banks in Texas, showed deposits of $7,062,202,853 Sept. 30. This was a dip of a little more than a half-billion dollars from Dec. 31, 1952.

The Federal Reserve Bank expected the last quarter report to be about 2 per cent above 1952.

Five cities reported record-breaking building: Lufkin, Marshall, Tyler, Gainesville and Sherman.

Figures Unofficial

All population figures are unofficial, compiled in most cases from utility connections.

Reports include:

Dallas: Construction was less than that of 1952. Population was estimated at 551,200, an increase of 16,200. Building permits for 11 months totaled $101,694,639 compared to $112,420,278. Bank deposits Sept. 30, totaled $1,440,408,000 compared to $1,289,109,000.

Abilene: Population 54,587, an increase of 2,459; bank deposits Sept. 30, $60,036,459, compared to $61,614,405. Building permits to Dec. 1 totaled $10,132,852, compared to $7,398,524.

Amarillo: Population 104,597; bank deposits $138,820,615, a decrease of $12,036,578 from 1952's record; building permits $18,750,000, compared to $24,184,331 in 1952.

Fort Worth: Population 333,629 compared to 313,724 in 1952; bank deposits $536,087,608, an increase of $15 million.

Lubbock: Population 108,000, an increase of 7,500. Bank officials expect Dec. 31 deposits to be greater than that in June, but below a year ago. Building permits through Dec. 7 totaled $16,308,750, about $2 million under the total for 1952.

Odessa: Population 42,500 compared to 42,125; bank deposits $31,044,676 compared to $29,792,058; building permits through Dec. 12, $9,971,332 compared to $13,663,650.

San Angelo: Population 62,359, a gain of 562; bank deposits Nov. 30, $52,417,085 compared to $56,393,286 on Dec. 31, 1952. Building permits through Dec. 9 totaled $5,293,606 compared to $4,745,655 for 1952.

Wichita Falls

Wichita Falls: Population 90,676 with no big increase of 1952. Deposits Dec. 1 totaled $119,900,000, off about $5 million. Building permits through Dec. 4 totaled $7,597,347. The 1952 total was $20,342,163.

Austin: Population 167,000, an increase of 7,000.

Beaumont: Population 106,913, an increase of 3,813. Deposits on Sept. 30, $105,496,056 compared to $100,725,831. Building permits $8,156,457 for 11 months, compared to $7,325,082.

Galveston: Population 72,242; bank deposits $122,855,678 through Dec. 4, compared to $126,077,292. Building permits to Dec. 4 were $4,532,506 as compared to $6,442,583 in 1952.

Houston: Population 690,000, an increase of 25,000 over 1952. Bank deposits $1,502,930,000, an increase of $91,741,307. Building permits $121,728,174, compared to $106,341,627.

Waco: Population 102,793 compared to 100,715 in 1952; deposits $117,741,000 compared to $111,259,000; building permits through Dec. 8, $9,988,286 compared to $13,285,384 in 1952. One-fifth to one-fourth of the 1953 building money was for repairs and rebuilding after the May 11 tornado.

Miss Mandy Hoover, John Keith Comer, Johnny Powell, Miss Jeanine Griffith, Troy Lee Hand, Miss Rosalyn Wolfe, Julius Killough, Miss Sharon Harvel and Miss Elizabeth Hazard, students at the University of Texas in Austin, have returned to school after spending the holidays in Vernon.

County Briefs

ODELL

Odell—Mr. and Mrs. H. Clark and son, George, visited their children, Mr. and Mrs. George Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Trafton Clark, and families of Plainview recently.

J. B. Northcutt of Richmond, Calif., visited his sister, Mrs. W. H. Sherman, recently.

Norman, Larry and Perry Lockett of Meadow visited Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Skelton Thursday.

Ray Phillips, student of Decatur Baptist College, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ordis Phillips, and family.

Clifford (Dock) Turner, stationed in Santa Ana, Calif., with the Marines, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Turner, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Farr announce the birth of a son, Dec. 23. His name is Mark Adams.

Guests of Mrs. C. R. Dale for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lockett and family of Meadow, Mr. and Mrs. Connie Dale and girls of Ralls, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Haney and son of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Olen Owens and family of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. John Standlee and family of Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Lea Box and family of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Halford of Camp Rucker, Ala., and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Halford of Wichita Falls are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Griff Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gary and daughter, Pam, of Fort Worth, Bobby Hammonds of Eastland, Marie Hammonds of Wichita Falls visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hammonds, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gordaner and family of Borger visited Mr. and Mrs. Dock Turner Friday.

Mrs. Henrey Condon of Electra visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shelton and family Friday.

Douglas Crain, stationed in Arkansas with the Air Corps, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cage Crain, for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Farr and family of Fort Worth visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Farr, over the holidays.

Bobby Crawford, student at Decatur Baptist College, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Skelton and family of Olton visited Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Skelton Saturday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Griff Lynn for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Frazier of Hollis, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Otis Cope of Oklahoma City, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dannheim and family of Clovis, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Halford of Camp Rucker, Ala., Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Halford of Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Haney of Wichita Falls visted Mr. and Mrs. Len Miller and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Skelton over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Teague and girls spent Christmas with relatives in Leonard.

Mr. and Mrs. Carrie Adams and daughter, Trixie, of Fort Worth spent the week-end with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Lester Farr, and family.

Mrs. O. T. Carruth and girls of Amarillo spent the week-end with their husband and father here.

Gene Coffee has returned from overseas by way of Greece and the Mediterranean Sea.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlis Shugart and son, Donny, of Plainview visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burt Ensey, last week.

J. D. and Roland Boyd were business visitors in Houston last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Crawford and family visited in Houston over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Gary and son, Larry, have moved to Dallas.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hart for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Dana Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Keith McDaniel, all of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davenport and family and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams, of Grand Prairie; Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Bell and Ken of Hermleigh; Mr. and Mrs. Don Harrison of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Barney McDaniel and daughter of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Adams of Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Worley and family of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Worley over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon May and family of Grand Prairie visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Vassey and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Tallant, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller and family of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. Dude Cooper last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hadley and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Nethery visited Mr. and Mrs. Archie McNeely in Dallas last week.

Mrs. Lela Belcher and Shirley Vaughn visited Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hartsell and daughter of Bridgeport Tuesday. Nina Belcher returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Phillips of Abernathy visited Mr. and Mrs. Ordis Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas last week.

Mrs. Ed Relley and daughter of Oklahoma City visited Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Farr last week.

Jency Davis, student in a Denton college, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Brown and son, W. A., visited Mrs. R. W. Darter in Childress last week.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Newton last week were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Fisher and son and Mrs. Lester Pedigo and Gay, all of Denison; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Flowers and family of Wichita Falls; Mrs. Elmer Henery and boys of Hermleigh; Barney Newton of Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Mitchell and family of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Lane and family of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Flowers of Amarillo visited Mrs. Nona Flowers last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Christesson and family of Melrose, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Clay Thrash and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Preston and family of Olustee, Okla., visited Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Thrash over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hartsell and daughter of Bridgeport, Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Ross and daughter of Lubbock visited Mrs. W. H. Sherman over Christmas.

Christmas guests of Mrs. Ed Turner included Mr. and Mrs. Willie Chisholm and family, Skeet Cullum girls, Francene and Jewelene, of Borger.

Mrs. Douglas Davis and Jency spent Monday in Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Howard and son, Lynn, spent the holidays with relatives in Paris and Wolf City.

Mrs. Joe Pechacek Named Honoree At Bridal Party

Mrs. Joe Pechacek, the former Miss Vyomma Robertson of Vernon, was named honoree for a bridal shower Friday in the home of Mrs. A. C. Streit. Hostesses were girls of the 1953 class of Lockett High School.

Guests were greeted by the honoree; Mrs. Streit, Mrs. Bill Pechacek, the groom's mother; and Mrs. W. C. Carpenter, the bride's aunt. Incidental music during the afternoon was furnished by Miss Kay Streit.

The serving table was laid with a white lace cloth over blue. Forming the centerpiece were white sweetpeas and mums. Miss Beryl Streit and Miss Juanita Haseloff served. Miss Kelly Dale secured names for the bride's book. Approximately 50 guests called during the affair.

Texas Christian University students who have returned to Fort Worth are Darrell Simmonds and Misses Ann Loader, Carolyn Kidwell, Daris Frost, Patty Coleman, Damaris Porter, LaDelle Ray and Norma McPherson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Sharp attended the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas Friday.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT .....

Real Test Ahead for Administration.

All observers agree that the session of Congress which opens Wednesday will be of great importance. One year of the Eisenhower Administration is history. That it has been marked by uncertainty and some confusion at times is not surprising. Democrats had been in power 20 years and the new Chief Executive was without previous experience in politics. Under such circumstances it was only natural that there should be considerable uncertainty as an entirely new approach to both domestic and foreign policies was undertaken.

Government must continue to function through shifts in control and direction. Most of the public business is only indirectly related to questions of high policy and must not be interrupted. But even in agencies dealing with purely routine business there must have been some bad reactions. However, that period is over. President Eisenhower has had ample time and opportunity to have an understanding of the nature of his job and to make major policy decisions.

The first session of Congress following inauguration of a new President is more or less loosely described as a honeymoon period. Lawmakers are disposed to go along with the new administration. President Eisenhower has special reason to appreciate this attitude. His party actually did not control the Senate but Senator Morse, after renouncing his membership in the Republican Party voted with Republicans in setting up the organization. Later, when the death of Senator Taft and the naming of a Democrat to succeed him gave the Democrats an actual majority, the President's position became doubly precarious.

With elections coming up later this year the courtesy will disappear. Democrats will feel they have given the Administration a chance and will be out to win control of both House and Senate. The chips will be down and it will be up to the Administration to meet the test.

Reports are that Democrats are returning to Washington in a fighting mood. They are said to be angry over the play given Harry Dexter White case, and the failure of Administration leaders to advise more freely with Democrats in foreign affairs. Much of that can be dismissed as political talk. It is not likely that responsible Democrats will try to make an issue out of the White case or other disclosures of Communist infiltration in the Government service.

But Republicans have a big job ahead. Their record to date is not very impressive and unless President Eisenhower can do something better than present a modification of the Fair Deal loss of Congress may be expected.

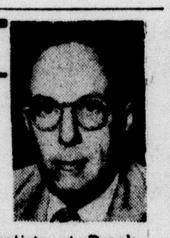
BARBS .....

No wonder the centenarian crop is short. A woman of 96 says people who live long are those who mind their own business.

Right after Christmas the book with the saddest ending likely will be dad's check-book.

A North Dakota man has a five-foot beard. One fellow who shouldn't mind getting Christmas ties.

★ EDSON IN WASHINGTON ★



Atomic Food Preservation May Create New Industry

BY PETER EDSON
NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON—(NEA)—Four years ago, scientists at Brookhaven National Laboratory, New York, exposed some ordinary seed potatoes to atomic radiation. The experiment was part of a broad research project in biology—the science of life in plants and animals.

These irradiated spuds were planted along with some untreated ones to control the experiment and show the effects of the treatment, if any. It was an exceedingly wet spring that year, however, and none of the potatoes came up.

The untreated potatoes had sprouted, but they had rotted almost completely away. The irradiated potatoes, on the other hand, had not sprouted—but they were as good as new with no signs of rot.

Out of this unexpected occurrence may grow a new infant industry of food preservation by atomic energy. It is one of the developments offering great possibilities for wide application under President Eisenhower's new program for an international agency to promote peacetime uses for the same destructive force that goes into atomic weapons.

MUCH work still has to be done to determine the right dosage for each food product. Potatoes irradiated by cobalt-60 have been preserved from December to the following August. This is a perfect carry-over from one crop to the next. It would save millions of dollars' worth of potatoes and other food crops lost through spoilage every year. Proper irradiation, incidentally, has no effects on food values nor on human beings who eat the treated foods.

Practical processes have not yet been developed so that whole carloads of grain, for instance, can be irradiated to kill off the weevils. But Swift and other packing houses are interested in the possibilities. If they can irradiate packaged meats, for instance, to double fresh storage time, consumers all over the world will benefit.

No startling mutations, or changes in plant varieties have been discovered yet by the eastern agricultural colleges cooperating on these experiments. But what science has here is a brand-new research tool for improving crops of economic importance.

For instance, atomic science has shown great possibilities in developing a new strain of oats that is highly resistant to rust.

SOME of the most interesting work has been done on fertilizers by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in cooperation with 26 state colleges.

Through the use in fertilizer of the radioactive isotope of phosphorus known as P-32, it is possible to trace the chemicals to the roots, stem, leaves, fruit or seed. From this has come a new farm technology on the best time, depth and quantity of fertilizer application to get maximum utilization by the plant.

North Carolina tests indicate this new technology means a million dollars a year more on the state's tobacco crop alone.

Another new advantageous farm practice that has been proved by atomic science is the spraying of fertilizer solutions on leaves.

When fertilizer is applied to the soil, it takes several weeks for the plants to show benefits. Nitrogen, phosphorus and iron solutions, sprayed on trees, are absorbed by the leaves in a matter of hours—even minutes. Michigan State College now recommends spraying for the state's big fruit and berry crops.

Incidentally, the value of irradiated fertilizer has now been debunked. It retards plants more than it helps them grow.

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Sunday Morning
8:00—Sign On.
8:00—World News (L).
8:05—Music On a Platter (L).
8:15—Church of Christ (Rem.).
8:30—Verntex Kids Auction (L).
9:00—Radio Bible Class (MBS).
9:30—Voice of Prophecy (MBS).
10:00—Frank and Ernest (MBS).
10:15—Honor Roll of Hits (L).
11:00—First Methodist Church (Rem.).
12:00—Sunday Serenade (L).
12:45—Greenbelt News (L).

Sunday Afternoon
1:00—This Week in Review (L).
1:15—Christian Science Church (L).
1:30—Methodist Men's Hour (L).
2:00—Sunday Song Shop (L).
2:15—Lanny Ross Show (MBS).
2:30—Back to God (MBS).
3:00—Under Arrest (MBS).
3:30—Dear Margy (MBS).
3:55—Ed Pettit News (MBS).
4:00—The Shadow (MBS).
4:30—True Detective Mysteries (MBS).
5:00—Nick Carter (MBS).
5:25—Cecil Brown (MBS).
5:30—Squad Room (MBS).
6:00—Twilight Time (L).
6:30—Lutheran Hour (L. Tape).

Sunday Evening
7:00—Episcopal Hour (L. ET).
7:30—The First Baptist Church (L).
08:8—London Melodies (MBS).
9:00—Sign Off.

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7:00—Sign On.
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7:05—Uncle Sipe (L).
7:25—Markets and Weather.
7:30—Greenbelt News (L).
7:45—Gabriel Heatter (MBS).
7:55—Sports Special (L).
8:00—Robert Hurleigh (MBS).
8:15—Stars in Review (L).
8:30—Jim Risner Show (L).
9:00—Texas News (L).
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9:30—Frank Singiser News (MBS).
9:35—Spotlight on Food (MBS).
9:40—Spotlight on Sports (MBS).
9:45—Anniversary Spotlight (MBS).
9:50—Story Teller (MBS).
9:55—Arlene Francis (MBS).
10:00—Ladies Fair (MBS).
10:25—Holland Engle News (MBS).
10:30—Queen For a Day (MBS).
11:00—Curt Massey (MBS).
11:15—Capitol Commentary (MBS).
11:20—Ranch Rhythms (L).
11:45—Church of Christ (L).
12:00—Noon Edition Weather (L).

Monday Afternoon
12:05—Noontime Melodies (L).
12:30—Dollar Down News (L).
12:35—Sagebrush Serenade (L).
12:45—Greenbelt News (L).
1:00—Homemakers Matinee (L).
1:25—Frank Singiser News (MBS).
1:30—Homemakers Matinee (L).
2:00—Afternoon News (MBS).
2:15—John Gambling Club (MBS).
3:00—Cowboy George Show (L).
3:05—Western Hits (L).
4:00—Platter Parade (L).
5:00—Songs of the B-Bar-B (MBS).
5:30—Wild Bill Hickok (MBS).
5:55—Cecil Brown (MBS).
6:00—Fulton Lewis Jr. (MBS).
6:15—Collins News (L).
6:30—Gabriel Heatter (MBS).
6:45—Perry Como (MBS).

Monday Evening
7:00—The Falcon (MBS).
7:30—Counterspy (MBS).
8:00—Bill Henry News (MBS).
8:05—Harry Wismer (MBS).
8:15—1490 Club (L).
8:30—Reporter's Roundup (MBS).
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9:45—Anniversary Spotlight (MBS).
9:50—Story Teller (MBS).
9:55—Arlene Francis (MBS).
10:00—Ladies Fair (MBS).
10:25—Holland Engle News (MBS).
10:30—Queen For a Day (MBS).
11:00—Curt Massey Time (MBS).
11:15—Capitol Commentary (MBS).
11:20—Ranch Rhythms (MBS).
11:45—Church of Christ (L).
12:00—Noon Edition Weather (L).

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KSWO-TV—Channel 7

SUNDAY:
2:00—The Pastor Calls.
2:15—Church of Christ.
2:30—Sunday Matinee.
3:50—Gospel Nightingale.
4:00—Hopalong Cassidy.
5:00—Johns Hopkins Science Review.
5:30—Faith for Today.
6:00—This is the Life.
6:30—Today's News.
6:45—Peeples and the Weather.
7:00—Life of Riley.
7:30—Badge 714.
8:00—All Star Theatre.
8:30—News Review of the Week.
8:45—The Big Play Back.
9:00—Channel 7 Theatre.
10:00—Weather Summary.
10:15—News Final.

MONDAY:
2:30—Anne's Kitchen.
3:00—Monday Matinee.
4:00—The Charm School.
4:15—News and Weather Summary.
4:20—Hank Mattison Show.
5:00—Kid's Corner.
5:30—Tales of the West.
6:30—Today's News.
6:40—Peeples and the Weather.
6:50—Sportalk With Morton.
7:00—Liberace.
7:30—Royal Playhouse.
8:00—Gus and Mac Show.
8:30—The Unexpected.
9:00—Channel 7 Theatre.
10:10—Peeples and the Weather.
10:20—News Final.
10:30—Nite Owl Theatre.

KFDX-TV—Channel 3

SUNDAY:
2:30—Afternoon Playhouse (F).
3:30—Bible Dramas (F).
4:00—Christ Is the Answer (L).
4:15—Billy Graham (F).
4:30—Hopalong Cassidy (F).
5:30—Johnny Jupiter (F).
6:00—Paul Winchell Show (NBC-TV).
6:30—TBA.
7:00—Comedy Hour (NBC-TV).
8:00—Mystery Mansion (F).
9:00—Letter to Loretta (NBC-TV).
9:30—NBC News in Review (NBC-TV).
9:45—The Pastor's Study (L).
10:00—Ten o'Clock News (L).
10:10—Warren and the Weather (L).
10:20—Nightcap Theatre (F).

MONDAY:
1:30—Curtain Call (F).
2:30—Date With Dorothy (L).
3:00—On Your Account (NBC-TV).
3:30—Music With a Message (L).
3:40—Afternoon Playhouse (F).
5:00—Horse Opery Matinee (F).
5:30—Nat Fleming Show (L).
6:00—Top of the News (L).
6:05—Warren and the Weather (L).
6:10—Call for Adventure (F).
6:30—Musical Showcase (F).
6:55—News Highlights (L).
7:00—Sports on Parade (F).
7:15—Martha Brakeen (L).
7:20—Armchair Traveler (F).
7:45—Fowler & Thornton.
8:00—Dennis Day Show (NBC-TV).
8:30—Encore Theatre (F).
9:30—Facts Forum (F).
10:00—Ten o'Clock News (L).
10:10—Warren & The Weather (L).
10:15—Nightcap Theatre (F).

KWFT-TV—Channel 6

SUNDAY:
2:30—Preview on Channel 6.
2:45—What One Person Can Do.
3:00—This is the Life.
3:30—What One Person Can Do.
3:45—Candlelight Time.
4:00—Sunday RFD.
4:30—Gene Autry (CBS).
5:00—Cowboy G-Men.
5:30—You Are There (CBS).
6:00—Life With Father.
6:30—Amos and Andy (CBS).
7:00—Toast of the Town (CBS).
8:00—GE Theatre. (CBS).
8:30—Life Begins at 80 (DuMont).
9:00—The Web (CBS).
9:30—TBA.
10:00—News.
10:10—Weather.
10:15—Favorite Channel Theatre.
11:30—Sign Off.

MONDAY:
1:30—Channel 6 Theatre.
2:45—Bill Mack Show.
3:00—At Home With Gerry.
3:30—Love of Life.
3:45—Organ Melodies.
4:00—6 Gun Playhouse.
5:00—Captain Video.
5:15—Comedy Time.
5:30—Half Hour Theatre.
6:00—Doc Warren Show.
6:15—News.
6:25—TV Weatherman.
6:30—Bandstand.
6:45—Public Prosecutor.
7:00—Crown Theater. (Alt. weeks—Burns & Allen (CBS).
7:30—Texas in Review.
8:00—I Love Lucy (CBS).
8:30—Red Buttons (CBS).
9:00—Texas Rasslin'
10:00—Final Edition.
10:15—Favorite Channel Theatre.
11:30—Sign Off.

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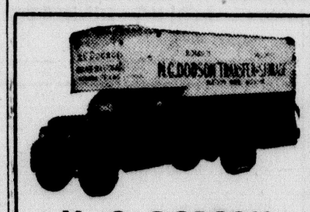

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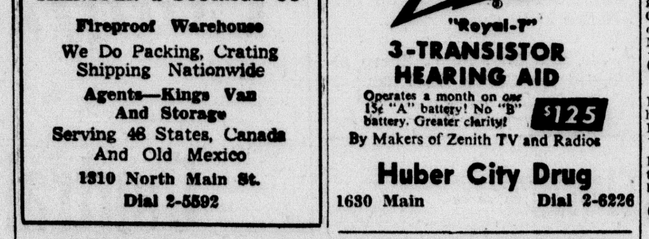

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U. S. Soldier Is Innocent Imperialist

By LEON DENNEN
NEA Staff Corespondent

Paris—(NEA)—My friend Jim of Rushville, Indiana—as smiling and bright-eyed a GI as I ever met in the years I've roamed post-war Europe—has few illusions about international conferences.

"What's the use, sir," Corporal Jim said, still smiling. "The big brass meet, talk, bargain, shake hands and go home. What happens? The cold war goes on just the same."

"Would you say the same thing about a meeting with the Russians?" I asked.

"To my mind, sir, the same thing,' the corporal replied without a moment's hesitation.

It is not that Jim is unconcerned with the fate of humanity. Except on the pages of Europe's Communist and neutralist press, what normal American boy actually is? But after two years of service in France—as an "American imperialist," no less—Jim is a bit skeptical.

The truth is that when I met Jim on the Nord Express, where we shared a sleeping compartment, he had more pleasant things to think about than international politics.

He was going home for Christmas—home to Rushville.

The Nord Express, running from Paris to Stockholm, Sweden, via the U. S.-occupied German port of Bremen, is only slightly less famous in European tourist propaganda than the Orient Express. Apparently kings and diplomats, poets, philosophers and romantic crooqs have ridden this rickety, crawling "express" through the ages. But none, I am sure, was ever more happy than my friend Jim.

"Going to Stockholm?" I asked to break the ice and start a conversation.

"Stockholm!" Jim exclaimed in alarm. "It's Bremerhaven for me, sir. A ship is waiting there, a ship that will take me back to the good old U. S."

I offered him a cognac to celebrate the occasion. There was a moment of embarrassed silence.

"I'm not really a drinkin' man, sir," Jim said apologetically.

"Never?"

"Sometimes. I could go for a chocolate malted but I guess I'll have to wait until I get back to Rushville."

I looked at the plump, pink-cheeked, 21-year-old boy. He was at peace with himself and a peace with the world. Though a bit skeptical, he had no quarrel with anyone. There was no bitterness in his soul. Only a warm, smiling human friendship for his fellow creatures, however strange they may be.

Jim was told to go to Europe, far away from his native Rushville. He went. He will come again if wanted and needed. But now he was happy to go back home to help his father in the furniture business.

"How did you like being an imperialist, Jim? I asked.

"What's that, sir?"

"Didn't you see those posters all over Paris—the signs, I mean, that say: 'U. S. Go Home'?"

"Oh, them," Jim replied still smiling. "They sure burned me up but I didn't pay too much attention to them."

"Did you get along with the French?"

"It's like with people everywhere, sir. Some were nice and kindly. Some were no good. On the whole I have no complaints."

The German conductor announced that the train had arrived in Bremen. Jim slung his duffle bag over his shoulder and was gone in a minute.

By now the ex-corporal is probably back in Rushville helping his father in the furniture business or continuing his studies as a refrigeration engineer. I want to wish him good luck.

I only hope that some of our European allies who deliberately close their eyes to the basic difference between American freedom and Red slavery will one day—should misfortune ever strike—find Corporal Ivan as imperialist-minded as my friend Jim is.

THE TALK OF THE TOWN

THE STORY: Miss Cora Johnson, timid and sensitive, pays blackmail to Mrs. Symes, mother of Albert who stole some letters from the purse of his schoolteacher, Miss Johnson. The letters were from Adrian Kaye, a man who had advertised for a correspondent in a "lonely hearts" paper. Fearing gossip, Miss Johnson pays. Then one day, Adrian pays a call on Miss Johnson.

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"I'M afraid," Kaye said, "that I've startled you, popping in this way. I guess I should have written. But I got to thinking—about things—and I needed a little vacation anyway. So I just jumped in the car and came."

"But that was perfectly all right." She spoke quickly. "I'm very glad you did."

Surreptitiously, however, she shook her head. It was not all right. She had to get rid of him as speedily as possible. Before this town of long ears and wagging tongues commenced its inevitable talk.

"How did you find me?" she asked.

"Why, I went to your boarding house. The maid, who seemed to be the only person there, said you were still at school. She told me how to get here."

Miss Johnson felt slightly relieved. The maid would be Millie, Mrs. Copeland's chief helper. Millie, whose mind was a virtual blank, had a flair for forgetfulness that would have been envied by a lotus-eater. If Mrs. Copeland had been out, the chances were she would never hear of Adrian's call. Which would be just as well.

"Look here," said Adrian, "can you call it a day and come for a ride? We've things to talk over, Cora. And it's too nice to stay indoors."

At her direction he drove out of the town. Spring had begun its work in earnest and the fields were lush and greening. Kaye looked about him appreciatively. "Nice country, this. Fellow might get him a little farm and . . ." He checked himself. "There I go! As if you wanted to hear a transplanted city man's views on the country. I'd do better to tell you just why I came."

"I thought it was to see me," she said shyly.

"That was the main idea, of course." He half-turned to her, that same steady look in his eyes. "And now that I've seen you, I'm glad I yielded to the impulse. But there was another reason, Cora. I think you know what it is."

"How could I?"

But she knew very well. And she could not blame him for wondering, and even coming in person to find out. Only, how could she ever tell him. The answer was, she couldn't. Not if she were to be dragged behind wild horses.

"Well," Kaye's eyes were straight ahead again, "I'm afraid, then, that I failed. I tried to tell you how much your letters and your friendship—though I only had it at long range, so to speak—had come to mean to me. But I guess I didn't make myself clear."

Miss Johnson bit her lip. "Oh, Adrian, I'm so sorry. Naturally, you've wondered why I haven't written to you lately."

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HE nodded. "And also, frankly, why your letters got shorter all of a sudden, way back last fall? Less frequent, too, and not quite the same? And then why they stopped completely about three months ago, although I've written since? Now," he raised a hand as she would have spoken, "just give me another second. I know I've no claim on your time, Cora. You certainly weren't compelled to go on writing, if it became a chore. But hearing from you had got to be pretty important to me. Important enough to bring me down here, to see what the trouble is. But if you care to tell me, there's one thing I hope I won't hear. I hope you didn't stop because anything in any of my letters offended you."

"Offended? Good heavens, no! It's just that I seem to have had a terribly hectic year. I don't quite know why. But my school work has been rather heavy and, foolishly, I got involved in some of the—the activities around the town. Then I had a touch of flu last winter and—oh, what with one thing and another, I just didn't get around to writing. I'm sorry. But I haven't any real good excuse."

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RECEIVING mail at Mrs. Copeland's was different from receiving it at the impersonal boarding house in the city. The postmar did not arrive until long after Cora Johnson had departed for school. Mail lay on the hall table until claimed by incoming lodgers to whom it was addressed.

And suppose (since Miss Johnson's association with Mrs. Symes, all kinds of chimerical suppositions had tormented her) somebody . . . Mrs. Copeland herself, one of the shoe people or Millie, light-fingered as well a light-minded . . . began wondering about this "A. Kaye, R. F. 3, Iberville, N. Y.?" Adrian always put a return address on the back of the envelopes.

Even if that had not been his practice, Cora Johnson had never before received letters from any one person with such unfailing regularity. And certainly none in bold, obviously masculine handwriting.

Miss Johnson had considered a post-office box, but abandoned the idea. And not entirely because a number of gabby girls, who seemed to know everybody's business, worked at the post office. The truth was that, frightened and discouraged, she had lost heart. Much as she valued her pen-and-ink friendship with Adrian Kaye, it had seemed wiser to let the correspondence lapse, for the time being anyhow.

(To Be Continued)

THEY'RE FENCED IN

Philadelphia, (AP) — Pedestrians have been laughing at this sign on a bulwark covering a construction project on busy North Broad Street: "Have patience—we can't see out, either!"

THESIS PROVED

Spartanburg, S. C., (AP)—Supt. James L. Rogers made a public statement about Spartanburg General Hospital: It was "crowded and overflowing." Proof came six days later. A patient, rushed in for an emergency appendix operation, was fixed up with a bed in a hallway. After the operation he was bedded down in the hospital office. The patient: Supt. Rogers.

PARKING METER WILDLIFE

Dover, N. H., (AP)—Police were dubious when a motorist told them he had seen two eyes peering at him from inside a parking meter. Investigating, they found an eight-inch snake.

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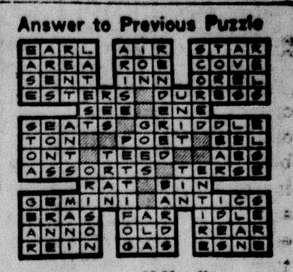

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9 Worn by a baby
12 Poker stake
13 Odd (Scot.)
14 Poem
15 Fulton invented it
17 Winglike part
18 It wears harness
19 Kind of skirt
21 Otherwise
23 Knight's title
24 Mineral spring
27 Sailors
29 Venture
32 Package
34 Scraps
36 Within
37 Nick
38 Require
39 Poses
41 Female saint (ab.)
42 Seine
44 Tidy
46 Gathered dress fabric
49 American of Japanese descent
53 Varnish ingredient
54 Basic
56 Age
57 Toward the sheltered side
58 She wears pedal pushers
59 State (ab.)
60 Small children
61 Sea eagles

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1 Worn around the waist
2 Preposition
3 Passage in the brain
4 Pester
5 Cry
6 Correct
7 Russian mountains
8 Grades
9 Water contests
10 Unemployed
11 Worn in a necklace
16 Thawed
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22 Auctions
24 Whirl
25 Window part
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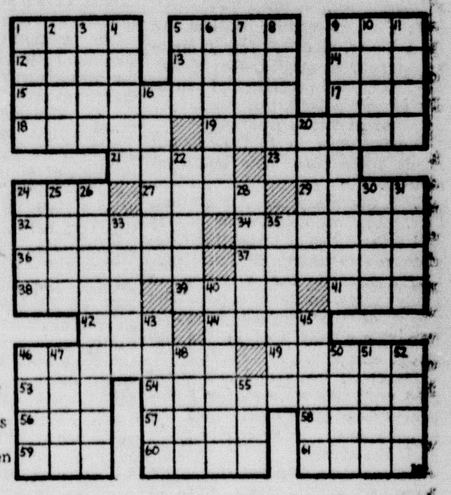

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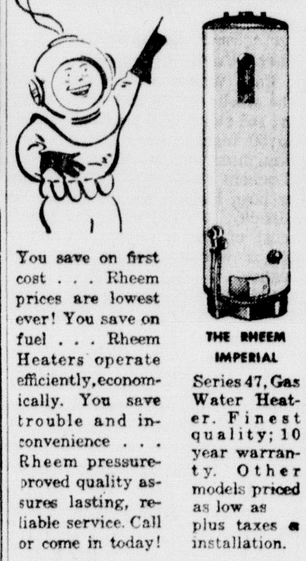

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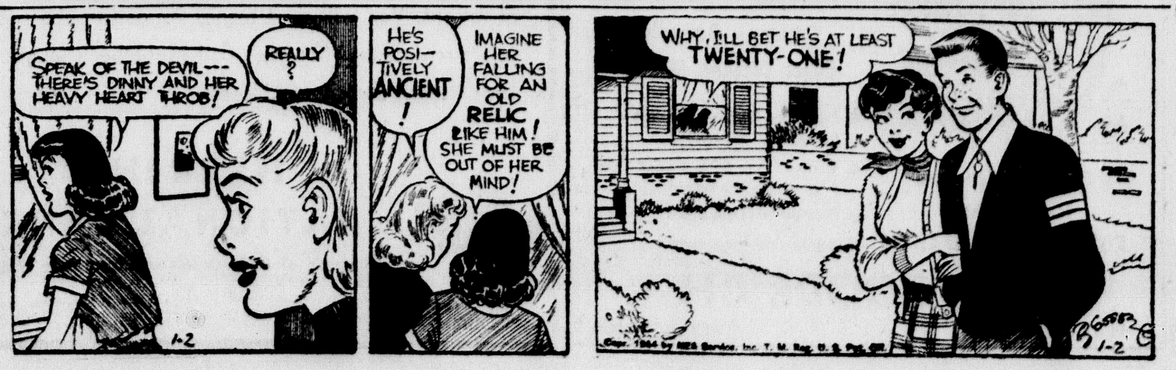

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Farmers Expect Bountiful Crops But Need Rains

By JOHN KAY ADAMS
Associated Press Staff

President Eisenhower visited Texas twice last year, once to study the drouth and once to dedicate a dam.

These visits pointed up the Texas water paradox of shortage and plenty. Autumn rain that poured water into the Rio Grande also swept showers over West Texas ranges that had been burning up for three or four years.

Experts cautiously predicted the longest drouth in West Texas records may be ending at last. In East Texas, plentiful rain produced bumper crops. Stocks of hay are heavy, and farmers and ranchers expect a bountiful 1954.

West Texas Improved

West Texas is improved, but needs more rain, now and constantly.

The Secretary of Agriculture, Governors of neighboring states and delegations of inspecting Congressmen turned up in Texas regularly through the Summer to study ways to save cattle. The plight of the rancher developed into the softest spot in the national economy.

Livestock loans and subsidized feed programs were among emergency measures to help hold the rancher until rain could bring back the grass.

At one time, 164 counties, more than half of the State, were in area. Fall rains cut the total to 48. The number was gradually increased until at year's end 101 counties were designated disaster stricken and eligible for cut-rate feed. The separate livestock loan plan will apply to all Texas counties through 1954.

Stockmen Split

The loudest controversies this year raged around the relief program for the cattlemen. The traditionally independent stockmen split, with one group forming a new organization to press for price supports on cattle.

In the cities and on the farms, Texans less vocal than the cattlemen were becoming increasingly aware of the problems of water supply. Industries and irrigation gulped at surface water. City water rationings were widespread. In the Panhandle, South Plains and Winter Garden area well diggers went deeper, seeking falling underground water tables.

As the year ended, a better frame of mind prevailed. Runoff continued to swell Falcon Lake behind the international dam dedicated in October by President Eisenhower. The river had run dry in the Summer. The dam caught flash flood water and impounded an adequate and controllable water supply for the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

West Texas Comeback

West Texas grasses seemed to be coming back after the rain. Small grains were improving and providing grazing.

Soil conditions were greatly improved over the Summer months when ranchers glutted the market with cattle they could not afford to feed.

President Eisenhower declared the Texas drouth area on June 26 a "major disaster within the meaning of Public Law 875." The move made possible emergency livestock feed supplies at reduced prices.

Some ranchers clamoring for price supports met in Dalhart on July 9 and formed the United Livestock Producers Assn.

President at Amarillo

The stockmen showed up next day in Amarillo where the President made a flying visit to a conference of seven drouth state governors. They asked the President for price supports.

FARM NEWS *From The Heart Of The Greenbelt*

Texas Crops During 1953 Exceeded Billion Dollars

Austin, Jan. 2. (AP)—The main Texas crops this year were worth an estimated $1,253,000,000, almost 3 per cent less than last year, the U. S. Department of Agriculture said today.

Despite the drop of $32,700,000 below the total value of 1952 crop production, this year's crops were valued at 15 per cent above the 1952-51 average of $1,085,000,000.

The estimate came from the USDA's crop reporting board of the agricultural marketing service in its annual crop summary.

Uncertain Season

"The 1953 season was one of extremes by areas and one throughout which final outurns were uncertain," the report noted. "On the whole, however, production was better than early-season expectations.

"Critical drouthy conditions gripped the entire State during Fall of 1952 and early Winter. Over the eastern third of the State, generous April and May rains permitted planting Spring crops about on time and favored early season development.

"In North Texas small grains made remarkable recovery following the April and May rains and hot weather during late May and June was exactly what was needed to mature these crops. In the Plains, where reserve moisture was exhausted earlier, this hot, dry May and June weather put the finishing touch to the already poor wheat crop prospects.

Drouth Intense

"Drouthy conditions became increasingly intense during June and on June 29 the western 3-5th of the State was designated a drouth disaster area. In the northwest, much intended cotton acreage was never planted and sorghum acreage was also held down by a lack of moisture.

"Mid-July showers, however, began making temporary, spotty inroads on the drouth and a substantial sorghum acreage was planted after these showers in a desperate effort to at least cover on the ground to retard wind erosion.

"These late plantings failed to receive timely rains and much of the July-planted sorghum either did not survive or produced only a light yield of forage.

Irrigation Shortage

"Southern districts, particularly the Coastal Bend, also were hard hit by drouth. Irrigation water was short in the Lower Valley prior to the late August rains."

Harvested acreage of main crops totaled over 23,400,000 acres, down 5 per cent from the 24,700,000 acres last year. Most important acreage reductions were in cotton, wheat and corn. Increased acreage of oats, barley, rye, sorghum grain, peanuts and truck crops for fresh market partially offset the reductions.

Prices were generally lower than last year except for flaxseed, broomcorn and a few less important crops, said the USDA.

Production and estimated value of principal crops for 1953:

Corn: 33,874,000 bushels, smallest since 1925; $49,117,000.

Wheat Down

Wheat: 23,035,000 bushels, down from $34,626,000 last year; $48,374,000.

Sorghum grain: Estimated 55,198,000 bushels, smallest since 1940 except for last year's 48,236,000 bushels; $71,205,000.

Cotton: Indicated 4,350,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight, 14 per cent larger than last year and 38 per cent above average, $669,693,000.

Rice: Record crop of 14,924,000 equivalent 100-pound bags, 8 per cent above last year's previous record high; $83,574,000.

Peanuts: Estimated 171,925,000 pounds, 93 per cent larger than last year's short crop but 45 per cent below average; $18,568,000.

Oats Double

Oats: Estimated 39,150,000 bushels almost double last year's crop and 55 per cent above average; $29,754,000.

Barley: 1,755,000 bushels, more than double last year's crop but only about three-fifths of average; $1,930,000.

Hay: Estimated 1,705,000 tons, record crop exceeding last year's by 13 per cent and 10 per cent above average; $44,330,000.

Sorghum forage: 2,333,000 tons, two-fifths above last year's short crop but one-fifth below average; $46,660,000.

Flaxseed: 868,000 bushels, down from last year's 1,092,000 bushels and 134,000 bushels above average; $2,951,000.

Potato Crop Up

Irish potatoes: Estimated 2,484,000 bushels, above one-fifth larger than last year but less than two-thirds average; $2,428,000.

Sweet potatoes: 2,550,000 bushels, more than double 1952 production but about three-fifths average; $6,785,000.

Legume and grass seed: Total production slightly larger than in 1952 despite short crops of alfalfa, sweet clover and crimson clover seed. Sudan grass seed production at 15,525,000 pounds, 64 per cent above last year; alfalfa seed crop of 2,730,000 pounds, down 45 per cent; hairy vetch seed at 7,800,000 pounds, up 100,000 pounds, from 1952; crimson clover seed, 480,000 pounds, less than half of last year's crop; sweet clover seed, 5,590,000 pounds, down 27 per cent. Total value $3,359,000.

Fruits Average

Pears: 325,000 bushels, about average; $504,000.

Peaches: 1,183,000 bushels, about average; $2,898,000.

Pecans: Estimated 31,000,000 pounds, 34 per cent below last year but 8 per cent above average; $5,214,000.

Oranges: Estimated 1,300,000 boxes, $1,885,000.

Grapefruit: Estimated 1,100,000 boxes; $2,145,000.

Commercial vegetables, 17 crops for fresh market and six crops for processing: Acreage 431,700 acres, about one-fifth larger than last year and 5 per cent above average; $60,736,000.

Waterways Are Completed On Medicine Mound Farms

Quanah, Jan. 2. — More than two miles of broad, flat-bottom waterways have been completed on farms in the Medicine Mound section of Hardeman County to carry off flood water and all will be protected with grasses or cover crops to prevent erosion.

Waterways on the neighboring farms of Jack Sims, Vernon Hafner and Edward Turner join to take care of several hundred acres of farmland. These waterways total 11,316 feet in length.

A 2,137-foot waterway has also been completed on the Joe Tidwell farm, and this will be covered with permanent grass.

Among the older waterways in the county, a good stand to King Ranch bluestem, weeping lovegrass and sand weeping dropseed is on the waterway on the J. D. Archer farm, also in the Medicine Mound community. Alfalfa is planted on waterways on the Leonard Wofford and Guy Rine farms.

Connecticut claims that the first successful U. S. steel mill was set up in 1744 in Simsbury.

SCD NEWS

By FRANK DUNCAN
Work Unit Conservationist

Last week John A. Esser, plant manager of the General Mills special commodity division of Kenedy, Texas, told district technicians his company had purchased over 558,768 pounds of guar seed in Wilbarger County. General Mills has been paying four cents per pound for clean seed for processing at their Kenedy plant. Guar seed is used for gum extracted from the endosperm of the seed. This gum is used for industrial purposes. County-wide, according to estimates, the guar crop averaged around 500 pounds of seed per acre. This would indicate that in a normal year farmers could expect a higher yield especially if phosphate fertilizers were used under the seed. A lot of our cotton land that will not be planted to cotton because of acreage reduction could well use this excellent soil building legume and still have a cash return from the land.

This year district technicians have the additional responsibility of determining the need and practicability of deep plowing on sandy cropland. This practice was not set up to increase production of the land as such but for the hazard of wind erosion. Deep breaking as a practice is good if enough clay can be found in the subsoil to be used on the surface. What is important and necessary is that the land be given proper treatment immediately after plowing.

Ordinarily enough clod forming material is turned up to prevent blowing but if the clay fraction or finer soil particles are worked too early and no rainfall is at hand the finer material will be blown away and more harm is done than if no deep plowing had been performed at all. Where it is possible a good legume following deep plowing is ideal since it furnishes cover and adds nitrogen to the soil. Farmers should think twice about deep breaking—if handled right and enough clay is present it works, otherwise it is a hazardous undertaking since the finer particles that contain all the plant food blow away and leave only the coarse inert sandier particles.

One of the loudest complaints about terraces in our area is that the terraces are too close together. In our district moisture and soil losses are the two limiting factors in crop production. At a Temple, Okla. experiment station increasing the vertical interval or drop between terraces only one foot more than standard spacing increased the average soil loss each year 3.3 tons per acre. The chief objection to close terrace spacing is the difficulty of working with one way plows (wheat land). It is becoming more apparent that with terraces on the wheat land the chisel plow and sweeps coupled with stubble mulch tillage is the answer to this problem.

Lack of Rainfall Hurting Hardeman Wheat Pastures

Quanah, Jan. 2. —Wheat pastures in Hardeman County are failing and thousands of head of cattle will have to be moved in the immediate future unless moisture is received to revive the crop.

Dry weather and temperature have shortened the grazing time and new growth is not appearing to replace that which has been grazed. Some of the fields also lasted far less time than was expected.

TRAIN KILLS TWO MEN

Post, Jan. 2. (AP)—Two men were killed last night when their car and a train collided. Jesse Stagner and Justice of the Peace J. D. King, both about 60, were the victims.

Final Hearings On Farm Tour Are Scheduled

Washington, Jan. 2 (AP)— The House Agriculture Committee will wind up a 16,000-mile "grass roots" tour of the nation's farming areas this month with final hearings in the South and Southwest.

The cross-country study will be followed by the drafting of a new agriculture price support program —one of the knottiest problems likely to face this session of Congress.

Chairman Hope (R.-Kas.) said the committee will conduct final hearings at Enid, Okla., Jan. 12; Waco, Texas, Jan. 13; and Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 14.

Testimony from these hearings, like others, will go toward the preparation of long-range agricultural policy to succeed present farm laws which expire at the end of this year.

Testimony Taken

Thus far millions of words of testimony have been taken by the committee—for and against rigid price supports, flexible supports and proposals dealing with two-price programs.

"We have heard directly from farmers themselves what they think about the present and future of agriculture in America—their problems, their hopes, their criticisms, their ideas," Hope said. He added:

"We have heard from them how they feel about our present farm programs and have gotten their ideas and proposals for improvements in these programs and solutions for the many problems of agriculture."

The final committee hearings will be held against a backdrop of lowered farm income. The trend of farm prices generally downward over a period of many months although the latest report showed they increased 1.2 per cent in December.

Supports Favored

Many lawmakers appear to favor continued high price supports for the "Big Six" basic crops—corn, wheat, cotton, tobacco, rice and peanuts. It is in the non-basic crop area that Secretary of Agriculture Benson and Congress will have their hands full.

This has been pointed up by the recent cattle price situation and the towering butter surplus. It has been further complicated by a dwindling export market, which has hitherto helped eat up American surpluses.

The butter buying program has piled an estimated 250 million pounds of butter in government storage—a surplus worth $165 Million. Under the present law, Benson last spring was required to continue supports at 90 per cent of parity.

Fort Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, (AP)—Livestock for the week: Cattle and calves higher; fed steers and yearlings strong to 50 higher; cows 50-$1 higher. Slaughter calves $1-$2 higher. Stockers steady to strong. Butcher hogs highest since Sept. 15 on Monday, $26.50, and later lost most of the advances. Slaughter lambs weaker; feeder lambs $1 higher.

Slaughter steers and yearlings $8-$25; slaughter cows $5-$12.50; slaughter calves $8-$20.50; stocker calves $19 down; stocker steers and yearlings $18 down; stocker cows $10-$13.50.

Closing hog top $25; sows $23 down.

Home Demonstration News 'n' Notes

4-H CLUB

By JOY RILEY
Home Demonstration Agent

At this time of year many kinds of germs fly around spreading colds, flu and other infections. Sanitary dishwashing is an aid in keeping your family well and healthy.

After you've scraped and rinsed the dishes to remove food particles and stacked them, plunge them into hot water about 125 degrees or as hot as your hands can stand. Wash glasses, silver, dishes and pans in that order and change the dishwater when it becomes greasy or cool. Rinse all dishes with very hot water from 170 to 180 degrees. An easy way to do without burning your hands is to fill a wire basket or other container with dishes, then immerse it in the rinse water. Allow dishes to air-dry without using a dish towel for dish towels are often regular store houses for germs.

Boil all dishcloths and sponges for they quickly collect food particles and bacteria.

A range whether it is electric or gas is an important piece of equipment in your kitchen. You need to look for construction features that insure comfort and long use—a single welded frame with rounded corners, toe space at the base and sturdy legs. Snugly-fitted oven and broiler doors are a necessity for good cooking performance, and they should be rigid enough to prevent warping. A drop tray under the burners makes cleaning easier, as does a removable deflector plate in the oven. Easy to slide drawers mounted on rollers or bearings add to convenience, too. Examine the burner elements to make sure they're high enough to keep your large pans from resting on the stove top.

Consider your needs when investing in a kitchen range.

You can save shirts as well as time and effort by efficient laundry methods. Recent studies of the wear of commercially laundered and home laundered cotton shirts indicate the first signs of wear showed up in the collars and at the collar button. As a result, recommendations are made to homemakers to turn up the collar of the soiled shirt before laundering and leaving it up during ironing and on the hanger until the shirt is put on.

If starch is necessary, be sure to keep the amount to a minimum.

Leave the shirt unbuttoned until put on.

Place the shirt on a hanger instead of folding it for storage.

FAVORITE WAFFLES

3 eggs
1½ cups buttermilk
1 teaspoon soda
1¾ cup sifted flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup shortening (part butter for flavor)

Beat egg yolks well. Add buttermilk and soda, sifted dry ingredients and melted shortening. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites last. Amount: 8 to 10 waffles. Note: 2 cups sour cream may be used in place of milk and shortening.

The Farm Agent Reports

By FRANK WENDT
Wilbarger County Agent

Winter is with us and very likely the hardest part of it is yet to come. There will be many days when the old water trough will be frozen over and livestock and poultry on your premises will suffer a let-down on milk and egg production or there will be a loss in weight of animals because they cannot get any water at all, or will have to drink ice cold water on cold days.

An automatic water warmer would be a convenience that would pay off in increased production. Take the dairy cows for example. they produce milk that is 87 per cent water, so you see it takes water as well as feed to produce milk. A cow needs from 10 to 30 gallons of water per day to keep milk production up and maintain her body weight. If she has to stand around a frozen water trough and drink cold water, naturally she will not consume as much water as she needs. The same rule applies to other livestock, and to poultry, if they do not drink the required amount of water to keep up body weight and to produce up to their capacity in meat, milk or eggs then production suffers, and profits go down.

There are a number of good water warmers on the market that are reliable and convenient to use. Very likely your local hardware or electrical appliance dealer can get one of these for you. Engineers have found ways you can make warmers more effective and less costly to operate. One of these is to set your thermostat as low as possible. It should be adjusted so that the temperature would be lower than the water coming into the container. This is done so the heating element will not turn on each time water flows into the container. If you can put your water container in a sheltered place convenient to most of your livestock, the operating cost will be less. If the water container is small so that water will be flowing into it more often, the cost of operation will be lowered also. Then of course you can lower the cost of operation of your warmer by insulating it.

The cost of supplying warm water for your livestock with the use of a good warmer should run from two to six dollars per month. Very little extra milk or three or four extra dozen eggs would pay the bill and the labor saving and convenience would be considerable also.

Students at Southern Methodist University in Dallas who have returned to school after spending the holidays in Vernon are Miss Ann Thomas. Pat Thomas and Joe Chat Sumner.

Farm Bureau ROUNDUP

By H. T. CARDWELL, JR.
Farm Bureau Secretary

No doubt there has been a great deal of speculation about the economic trends in business manufacturing and agriculture for 1954. Some persons are taking a pessimistic view. Others are rather optimistic that 1954 promises for agriculture as much prosperity as was enjoyed in 1953, due to the fact that the domestic and foreign demands will be somewhat similar, with a possibility of being greater.

Also, a long range farm program is in the formula stage and promises to stabilize agriculture and ease the price cost squeeze that has been present the last few years.

It is encouraging to see the price of cotton going up at the beginning of the year, in view of the fact that the Commodity Credit stocks are higher at this time than at any other period in the history of the United States.

Indications are there will be more net money in livestock to the producer in 1954 due to increased production of feeds on the land taken out of cotton and wheat.

Members of Congress are expressing their views concerning an increase in cotton acreage allotments by the time plantings get under way in the United States.

Another Oil Test Sunk at Goodlett

Quanah, Jan. 2.—The fourth wildcat oil test to be located in Hardeman County during the past few weeks has been started by the Magnolia Oil Company two and a half miles north of Goodlett, northwest of Quanah.

Preparations for this test were started this week 660 feet from the south and east lines of the west half of section 276, block H, W&NW survey. The test will be drilled to a depth of 8,600 feet. Starting date for the Continental Oil Company test southwest of Goodlett has not been announced.

The Sun Oil Company test east of Quanah and north of King High is nearing completion and no oil showings have been reported.

Several oil showings have been reported in the Gulf Oil Company test south of Chillicothe on the O. H. Dodson land. Drilling progress has been slow as core drillings are being made at frequent intervals.

Leasing has not developed because of the tests due to the fact that almost all land in this section has been held for many years by various large oil companies and independent operators.

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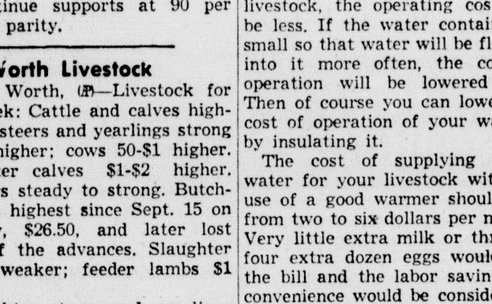

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SOCIETY

VERNON, TEXAS, Sunday, Jan. 3, 1954

Working So Others Might Walk.....

Vernon women are busy making plans for the annual Mothers' March on Polio to be held Jan. 29. Lieutenants have been named for various sections of the city and they are securing volunteers to call on every house in Vernon during the March. Members of the Business and Professional Women's Club are sponsoring the entire campaign. At the right, Mrs. Vera Backus, club president, points out the important date to (left to right) Mrs. Julian Wright, news service chairman, and Mrs. Marguerite Purcell, club secretary. Below, a group of women are pictured as they go over plans for canvassing a section of the city. Mrs. Lester Bristo, Sr., (seated at right) is lieutenant for the southeast section. Shown with her are (left to right) Mrs. Guinn Davenport, Mrs. Rupert Swadley and Mrs. Frank L. Smith.

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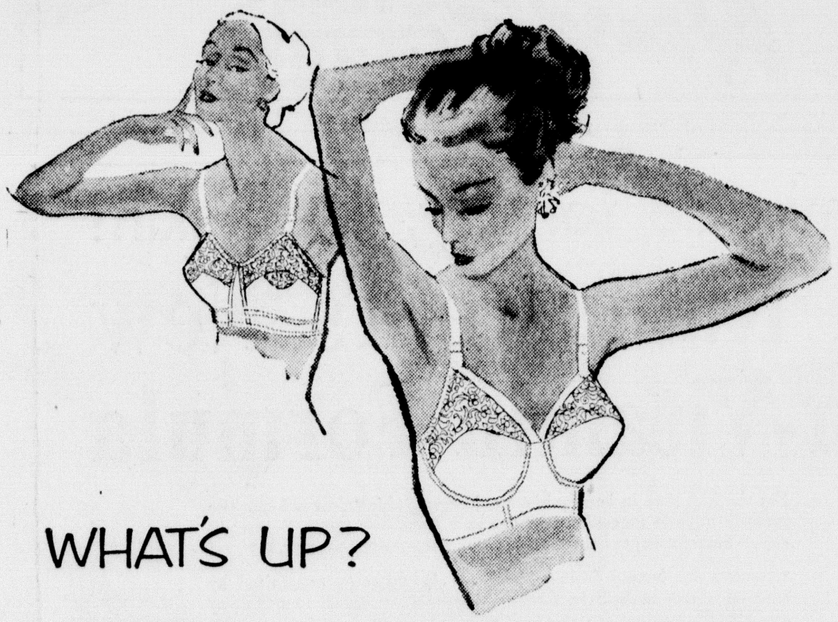

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Many men failed to get in on our pre-Christmas suit sale, so we are offering at this time a number of our fine suits by our three famous makers. These are all taken from our regular stock. Don't miss this opportunity to save on these fine clothes.

Vernon Women Completing Plans For Annual March of Dimes Drive

The March of Dimes fund campaign will be held in Wilbarger County during the month of January. Officials for the annual drive have set no quota. Mrs. Modell Hampton, County Campaign Director, said, "In setting no quota, we are hopeful the people of Vernon and Wilbarger County will give generously. The expenses of the local Chapter during 1953 were tremendous. We must put our local unit back on its feet and lend help to the National Foundation during 1954."

On Friday, Jan. 29, the annual Mothers' March on Polio will be held. As in years past, this will be the major solicitation effort. Every home in the county will be visited from 7 to 8 p. m.

Mrs. Hampton has named Mesdames Lester Bristo, Sr., J. V. Swinney, Lee Stout, W. H. Wright, Tommy McCrary, Kelly Matchett and Edd Kunkel as lieutenants for the various sections of the city. These women will secure volunteers in each block. Lieutenants for the rural sections have not been named.

During the month of January, wishing wells will be placed in Vernon business houses to receive contributions to the Drive. Members of the Fire Department are busy now completing work on these containers.

Members of the Business and Professional Women's Club are sponsoring the annual drive. They will help secure volunteers for various jobs and work at receiving headquarters during the Mothers' March. Mrs. Vera Backus, club president; Mrs. Julian Wright, news service chairman; Mrs. Marguerite Purcell, secretary and Mrs. Mamie Prudom, radio and TV chairman, will lead the club's March of Dimes activities.

In addition to Mrs. Hampton, officials of the county chapter are R. H. Coffee, Chapter chairman, and John Killough, treasurer.

County Briefs

TOLBERT

Tolbert—Jesse Thomas Coburn and Buddy Gulley of Texico, N. M. visited Keith Maxwell during the holidays. Keith accompanied them home and returned Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lamb spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Roberts, and brother, Bobby Ray, of Buffalo Springs.

Miss Frances Norton of Fort Worth spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Norton, and sister, Mrs. Elda Petty, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Coburn of Oklahoma City, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Coburn of Texico, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Seth Reynolds of Kilgore Miss Janice Norris of Espinola, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ring of Wichita Falls visited in the Roy Morris home Friday.

Cpl. and Mrs. R. B. Inglish have returned to their home in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., after a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Inglish and Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Norton.

Mrs. Lillie Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mathews and children, Trisa and Leroy, and Mr. and Mrs. Art Knorp, all of Amarillo, visited in the A. D. Phillips, Jr., home last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morris and Carolyn, were accompanied to Wichita Falls Saturday by Mrs. Lee Boyd Henry and daughter, Debra, of Chillicothe for a visit with Mrs. Otis Coats and Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCombs, and family.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Monday, Jan. 4

WSCS of the First Methodist Church will meet at 12:45 p. m. in the church parlor for a covered dish luncheon. Members of Group 1 will be hostesses.

Groups of the CWF of the Central Christian Church will meet as follows: Group 1, Mrs. G. W. Lisenbee, 3905 Wilbarger, 3 p. m.; Group 2, Mrs. J. Baxter Ross, 2118 Wood, 3 p. m.; Group 3, Mrs. J. Baxter Ross, 2118 Wood, 9:30 a. m.; Group 5, Mrs. F. B. Steele, Castlebury Park, 9:30 a. m. Group 4 will not meet.

At 3:30 p. m., the WMS of the First Baptist Church will meet in circles for mission study.

Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church will meet in the dining room of the Youth Building for supper and a program.

Tuesday, Jan. 5

Yamparika Study Club will meet at 3 p. m. in the Forum Room of Wilbarger Memorial Auditorium.

Lydia Class of the First Baptist Church will have a covered dish luncheon in the dining room at 12:30 p. m.

Rebekah Lodge will meet at 7:30 p. m. in the IOOF Hall.

Wednesday, Jan. 6

From 7 to 9 p. m., Dr. E. S. James will conduct a Bible study in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church.

Thursday, Jan. 7

Bible study will be held at the First Baptist Church auditorium from 7 to 9 p. m., led by Dr. E. S. James, pastor.

Friday, Jan. 8

At 3 p. m., the Fidelis Class of the First Baptist Church will have a coffee in the church parlor.

Bible study will be held in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church from 7 to 9 p. m., led by Dr. E. S. James.

COUNTY BRIEFS---

RAYLAND

Rayland.—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jones and daughter, Gretta, of Childress, Mr. and Mrs. Wilber French and son of Amarillo visited Friday in the W. W. Carr home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cap Tuggle returned home Tuesday from an extended visit with their son, C. J. and family of Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Key spent Friday with their son, Dr. Olen Key and family of Lubbock. They were accompanied by Mrs. Dottie Daniel, who visited her son, Nathan and family of Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Paulsom and family moved to Levelland Thursday.

Elic Green of Lovington, N. M., was a visitor in the Buck Clark home Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bradford of Abilene visited Sunday in the W. W. Carr home.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Martin spent Thursday with his brother, Ray Martin and family of Roaring Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ashcraft spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Hannah Ashcraft, of Saint Jo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Pierce left Monday for Long Beach, Calif., to spend the holidays with their children, Charles and family and Mrs. Annie Mae Shaw.

Edd Jones of Childress visited Friday in the Walter Carr home. Edd has recently come home from Germany.

Several of the Rayland Baptist Church visited the shutins and sang Christmas carols Wednesday night. Those in the group were Mesdames Nina Newman, Ervin Schoolcraft, Barney Martin, W. W. Carr, Dottie Daniel, Miss Wanda and Peggy Wattenbarger, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ashcraft, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Custer and Sandra. After the visiting the group went to the Custers and had a Christmas party. Cake and cocoa were served.

Mrs. O. E. Haney left Tuesday for Shreveport, La., to spend the holidays with her niece, Mrs. Vernon Barkley.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrold Thomas, Sandra and Bill, of Amarillo visited Friday afternoon in the Buck Clark home.

Those spending Christmas Day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Lawson were Mr. and Mrs. Horace Abston and son of Ropesville, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wood and family of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Davis, Jr., and Chuck and Marylon of Mineral Wells.

Herman Ray Thompson of Santa Maria, Calif., and brother, Ralph of Grand Prairie spent the Christmas holidays with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Thompson.

Mrs. Tommie Davis and family of Stinnett and Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Rains and daughter, Debra, of Snyder came Friday for the week-end with their mother, Mrs. Hixie Rains and sisters, Mrs. D. V. Harrington and Mrs. Noel Sitz.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Lewellin and son, Stevie, of Ardmore, Okla., visited with his father, Levi and wife and aunt, Mrs. Ida Colclazer during the holidays.

Those visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Martha Price, for the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams and family of Pampa, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Powell, Jr., and twins, Charlotte and Paula, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Rock and Sherron Kay of Artesia, N. M., came Thursday for the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Quisenberry.

Those spending the holidays with their sister, Mrs. Antone Bergt and Mr. Bergt were Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Pyeatt and son, James, Mrs. Olen Caddel and sons, Mrs. Bill Eberly and sons, all of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Bergt's brothers, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Black of Texarkana, L. E. Black, Jr., of Grand Prairie, and Everette Black of Tipton, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Beazley had their children home for Christmas they were Rev. and Mrs. Charles Phipps of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Garvin and family of Garland. M. G. preached here at the Baptist Church Sunday morning and night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Blanton and Nan Beth of Waco visited in the Bill Dewberry home Sunday.

MISS VIRGINIA LEE NICHOLS

Miss Virginia Lee Nichols To Marry Kenneth Feeny

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis S. Nichols, 1923 Yamparika, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Virginia Lee, to Kenneth Feeny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Feeny of Dumas, Ark.

The ceremony will be solmenized Jan. 23 in the parlor of the First Baptist Church. Dr. E. S. James, pastor, will direct the exchange of vows.

Miss Nichols was graduated from Vernon High School. She received her degree from Hardin-Simmons University in 1951. She has done graduate work at the University of Texas. At present, she is teaching English and Spanish in Electra High School.

Mr. Feeny received his degree from Arkansas A&M. He is a teacher in the high school at Grady, Ark.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. Knox Hamon of Houston are visiting her mother, Mrs. F. L. Massie.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brock and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Brock and son, David, visited in Houston during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Warner Brock. They also toured points of interest in Florida and visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Adams of Sanford, Fla.

COUNTY BRIEFS---

FARMERS VALLEY

Farmers Valley—Miss Reba Boyles, State clothing specialist in Las Cruces, N. M., and Miss Vyneta Boyles of Houston spent the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Maye Boyles, and sister, Mrs. Richard Kempf, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Fugitt, Sherry and Mickey, of Baird spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Fugitt.

D. F. Randel of Perryton visited last week with his niece, Mrs. J. E. Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Baldree and children, Karen and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Walton and children, Ronnie, Noel and Carol Ann, all of Borger, spent Christmas in the N. D. Brock home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blanchard have returned from Sudan, where they attended funeral services for his father, J. J. Blanchard, former resident of this community. Mr. Blanchard died Saturday and funeral services were held Monday in the Church of Christ of Sudan.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pitchford and daughter, Debra, of Amarillo visited Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Rich Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Randel and son, Rolla Ashley, of Mexia visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Randel, last week-end.

Those visiting in the Walter Skipworth home during the holidays were their daughter, Mrs. Edward Lampe, and husband of Roswell, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Skipworth and family of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Rowland and family of Childress, Mr. and Mrs. James Haskins of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Bell and children of Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bell and Glenda of Gruver.

Henry Fugitt of Brownfield visited Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Fugitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Joe Bailey and Carl Ray and Deborah of Amarillo visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bailey, during the holidays and accompanied them to Denton to visit Mrs. Bailey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Roberts.

Miss Dorothy Faye McRae of Grand Prairie spent Christmas with her son, Greg, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blanchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fugitt of Oklahoma City spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Rich.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brock visited in Houston last week with his brother, Warner Brock.

Don McAdams spent the holidays in Wichita Falls with his father, Herman McAdams.

Edd Young has received a message that his sister, Mrs. J. A. Yeager, had burned to death at her home in Honey Grove. Mr. Young and Annie Lee Drieschner attended the funeral Thursday.

Mrs. Fred Dieschner accompanied her daughter, Miss Annie Lee Drieschner, to Denton last week to visit their daughter and sister, Mrs. Ivan Bounds, and husband.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Cato and children, Steve, Jamie and Freddie, of Fort Worth visited her sister, Mrs. O. H. Butler, over the week-end. Freddie remained for a longer visit.

Ronald Holeman, stationed in Georgia, is visiting his wife in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Omer Hughes. They also visited his parents in Kirkland.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Kempf of Crowell and Henry Kempf of Tulia visited Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kempf Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fugitt and children of Willow, Okla., spent the week-end with his brother, Jess Fugitt, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Drieschner and Annie Lee visited Mrs. Lizzie Kreis and Herman and Bessie Kreis near Childress last week.

Randel Dockery, stationed in El Meta, Calif., spent Christmas with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Randel and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hardage, who are moving to Vernon this week, were honored with a chilli supper Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Rich. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jess Fugitt, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fugitt, Ginger and Jetta Fugitt, the honorees and the host and hostess.

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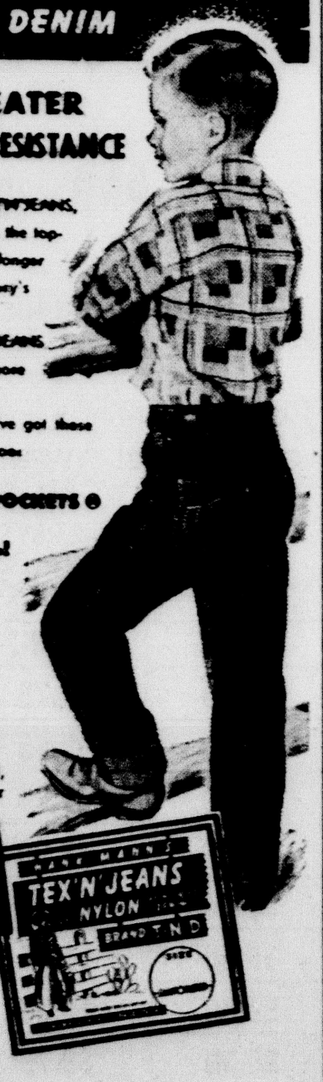

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Miss Higginbotham Weds R. J. Work at Chillicothe

The First Methodist Church of Chillicothe was the scene at high noon Friday for the marriage of Miss Mary Higginbotham of that city and Robert Jennings Work of Crosbyton. The bride is a daughter of Claude R. Higginbotham of Chillicothe. Mr. and Mrs. Harville Work of Crosbyton are the groom's parents.

Rev. Tom M. Johnston officiated for the double ring ceremony. An all-white color theme was carried out in the nuptial space. To recite the vows, the couple stood beneath an arch entwined with greenery and white carnations topped with burning tapers. Baskets of gladioli and palms were used at points of interest.

O. L. Boston, Jr., of Chillicothe sang "With These Hands" and "Because." Mrs. Hardin Cole of Chillicothe, organist, played traditional nuptial selections.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a beautiful street-length dress of champagne lace over rose satin. The molded bodice was cut with simple lines and the skirt was slightly flared. Her hat was pink felt and satin topped with a champagne colored rose and a tiny complexion veil. Her bouquet of orchids was nestled in pink rosebuds and pink satin streamers. Her necklace and earrings were pink pearls intermingled with rhinestones.

Mrs. Frances Doll of Big Spring, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Her charcoal gray dress featured an accordion pleated skirt. She wore a pink halo hat of rosebuds and pink accessories. Her colonial bouquet was pink rosebuds tied with pink satin streamers.

Miss Charlotte Ruth Doll of Big Spring, niece of the bride, acted as junior bridesmaid. She wore a pink nylon dress complemented with a pleated flounce at the hemline. Her bouquet was pink rosebuds.

Donald Wooten of Crosbyton was best man. Junior ushers were Larry Work of Crosbyton and Landis Higginbotham of Hereford. Candlelighters were Raymond Higginbotham of Hereford and Billy Higginbotham of Crosbyton, brothers of the bride.

Mrs. Haymond Higginbotham of Hereford, sister-m-law of the bride, wore a black velvet suit with a coral felt hat and a corsage of pink carnations tied with coral ribbon.

The groom's mother chose a coffee-colored dress highlighted with brown embroidered rosettes. Her accessories were brown and she wore a yellow pom-pom mum corsage.

When the couple left for a short wedding trip, Mrs. Work was wearing a dusty rose wool jersey costume and an orchid corsage. Mr. and Mrs. Work will make their home at 607 W. Fifth Street in Crosbyton where the groom owns Work Insurance Agency.

The bride attended North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington for two years where she was a member of La Docena, social sorority, and society editor of the college paper. Before her marriage, she was employed at the W. T. Waggoner Estate in Vernon. She recently received a diamond pin for five years service with the Estate.

Mr. Work is a graduate of Texas Tech. Active in civic affairs at Crosbyton, he was named by the Chamber of Commerce for Distinguished Citizenship in 1953. He was recently elected a director of the Ex-Student Association Council of Texas Tech. He is a member of the Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church, a director of the Crosbyton Rodeo Association, member of the school board and a director of the hospital board.

Party Given

Thursday evening, members of the bridal party were entertained by Mr. Work with a Chinese dinner at the Canton Cafe in Vernon. Attending were the bride; Mrs. Harville Work of Crosbyton; Mrs. Hardin Cole of Chillicothe; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wooten of Crosbyton; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Davis of Vernon; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Higginbotham of Crosbyton; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Higginbotham of Hereford, and Mrs. Frances Doll of Big Spring.

MRS. ROBERT J. WORK

COUNTY BRIEFS---

OKLAUNION

Oklaunion—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cross visited Friday with their son, Homer Cross, in Elmer, Okla.

Lt. and Mrs. Joe Nation of Bossier City, La., have returned to their home after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Koeninger.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wheeler and daughter, Delores, have returned to their home in Wichita, Kan., after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom English.

Mrs. Joe Byers is visiting her daughter in Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Pierce of Hedley visited in the C. C. Koeninger home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Finch of Borger spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Finch.

Mrs. Roy Welch of Albuquerque, N. M., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ashley.

Mr. and Mrs. John Koeninger and daughter, Lucile, of Hedley and Capt. and Mrs. Frank Koeninger, Jr., and son, Mike, of Jacksonville, Fla., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Koeninger.

Mr. and Mrs. Bealer Owen and children have returned from a visit in Jacksboro with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Graves and Mr. and Mrs. Owen.

J. C. English of Archer City is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom English.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boyd and children of Graham spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Boyd and Mr. and Mrs. George Martin.

Charlie Koeninger spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Joe Koeninger, and sister, Mrs. T. V. Shadle, of Clarendon.

Charles Rex Boyd of Amarillo visited last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Boyd.

Mrs. Johnie Bagley and sons have been visiting her sister and family in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt Woolard spent Friday with their daughter, Mrs. W. C. Davis, and family in Lawton, Okla.

Little Miss Mary Ann Eure of Dallas is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Eure.

Mrs. Willis Cummings and children, Joe, Kenney, Carolyn Sue and Jimmy, of Lamesa are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ashley.

M. Sgt. and Mrs. Rudolph Williams and children, Rudy, Ronnie and Lisa, have left for El Paso after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Eure.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Burkhart and children, Gary and Larry, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Young of Savanna, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Chatman have returned from a visit in Phoenix, Ariz.

Miss Jane Ann Rainwater, a student at ACC, Abilene, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Rainwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Antone Benson and sons, Edd and William, have returned from a visit in Amarillo with their daughter, Mrs. R. J. Ribble, and family.

Miss Peggy Luterell of Wichita Falls is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Luttrell.

Donnie Brite of Wichita Falls visited during the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Brite.

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County Briefs

THALIA

Thalia—Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kidd of Fort Worth spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Box.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Hammonds and children and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pyle and children of Floydada visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hammonds.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Roberts of Clayton, N. M., visited his brother, E. H. Roberts. Mrs. Alta Stratton and family of Fort Worth, Mrs. Raymond Oliver of Hale Center and Mr. and Mrs. Leotis Roberts and Dana Loy of Pattonville also visited in the Roberts home during the holidays. Mrs. Shirley Duncan returned to Pattonville with Leotis Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Wood and children of Seagraves visited his uncle, C. H. Wood, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Box spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. W. C. Boyken, of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Dunn had as their Christmas Day guests all their children and grandchildren, including Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Dunn and children, Jerry, Joe and Judy, of Pampa; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dunn and son, Bobbie, of Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dunn and daughter, Linda, of Vernon; Mrs. Roberta Rodgers and son, Danny, of Thalia; Ralph Dunn of Thalia. Also Mrs. Ruth Hammonds of Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mutt McKinley and children of Dumas have returned home after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McKinley.

Mrs. Ira Temple of Dallas spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Mack Eden, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cooper and daughter, Candy, of Lubbock visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cooper, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Webb of Kenawick, Wash., Janet Webb of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Josh Sellman and son, John Hayden, of Blanco, N. M., were guests in the home of Mrs. B. D. Webb during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Carpenter and children, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Fox and Mrs. Maggie Wheeler spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Glen Fox of San Angelo.

Mrs. Ray Jonas and daughter, Linda, of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Shook of Denver City and Norman Gray and family of Hereford visited here Sunday.

Arda Long and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Long and children of Post visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Long Christmas. Other guests were Mrs. Mary Garrett of Tulia and Mrs. Irine Kirck and son of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Rennells of Centerville visited here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sims visited the Sam Bockmans and the Raymond Britts in Wichita Falls last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Payne and children of Borger visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Payne last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Short and family visited their daughter, Mrs. Doyle Ford, in Goodlett last week. They had as their guests Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hunter and daughter, Clydene, of Snyder, Ray Short of Borger, the Doyle Fords of Goodlett, Wayne Short of Sundown, the Jack Hasselvanders of Pampa, Harrold Short of Borger, Joe Royce Huntley and son, Rickie, of Turlock, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Leotis Roberts and Danna Loy of Pattonville.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ferguson of Cotulla visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gray last week-end.

T. R. Cates, Jr., and family and Miss Oneta Cates of Abilene visited in the T. R. Cates, Sr., home Christmas Day.

Festive blouse and matching pleated skirt are right for the round of gay holiday parties. Both are in orlon and wool, are lightweight and washable. Tiered skirt has fine pleats; blouse has self ruching.—By Gaile Dugas, NEA Woman's Editor.

Mrs. Dick Shaffer of San Jose, Calif., the former Miss Laverne Abston of Thalia, was honored with a linen shower sponsored by the Church of Christ ladies last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lawrence of Wichita Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Gilbert of McKinney visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Self, Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reed Jones and baby of Floydada visited her grandmother, Mrs. Maggie Hammonds, last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Craig and children of Dalhart, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Shaffer of San Jose, Calif., and Miss Lora Abston of Wichita Falls spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Abston.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson of Gilliland visited in the Tom Abston home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrold Banister and daughter of Longview spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Banister.

Guests in the R. J. Mints home for Christmas were Roy Mints and family of Wichita Falls, Mrs. Nina Jo Nelson and husband of Childress, Gotchie Mints and family of Paducah, Mrs. Pearl Henderson and husband of Altus, Okla.

James McBeath is in Pampa on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Downing and children of Lubbock visited her parents, the T. R. Cates, Sr., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Morris and children visited his parents, the Cap Morris, in Clarendon last week.

The Billy Lynchs of Denison and the Mitchel Jacksons of Snyder were holiday guests of their parents, the J. C. Jones.

Albert Duncan of Floydada visited Mrs. Shirley Duncan Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Matthews and children of Tulsa, Okla., visited his father, T. H. Matthews, and the Frad Gray family during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wood and their guests, Lt. (jg) Lawrence E. Wood of Corpus Christi and Miss Shirlee Cleveland of Alhambra, Calif., spent Christmas with the Rex Snowdens in Tyler.

Jack Hasselvander and family of Pampa spent last week in the Homer McBeath home.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbott of Fort Worth visited in the J. L. McBeath home last Sunday.

Christmas guests in the Burl Abston home were Thelma Bailey of Levelland, Pearl Bailey of Brownfield, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gaffourth of Brownfield, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Savage, the Jim Parsons and the Robert Rodgers family, all of Clifton and the O. L. Savage family of Levelland.

Mrs. O. T. Taliaferro, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Farris and Dickie of Lawton, Okla., M. Sgt. E. W. Pogue and family of Oklahoma City, the W. C. Claimores of Oklahoma City were guests last week of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Fitzgerald. Other guests were Rev. and Mrs. D. C. Squyres and son, D. F., of Laverne, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Oran Ford spent the holidays with relatives in Anton and Levelland.

Christmas guests in the J. C. Taylor home included the Sam Donaldsonsorkhirfs MvB Donalds of Nashville, Tenn., and the Russell Taylors of Oklahoma City.

Guests in the Joe Johnson home for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wayland of South Carolina, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Johnson of Searcy, Ark., the Russell Taylors of Oklahoma City and the Sam Donalds of Nashville, Tenn.

Ernest Roberts of Fort Worth visited Mrs. Maggie Hammonds last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Q. C. Phillips and his mother, Mrs. Winnie Phillips, of Snyder visited Sunday with the Tob Abstons.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jones of Childress and the Donno Days of Abilene visited their mother, Mrs. M. H. Jones, for Christmas.

Rev. Robert Hensley and Rev. Jack Strickland of Decatur spent Saturday night in the Oran Ford home.

Mrs. Ray Jones and daughter of Amarillo, the John Sullivan family and R. E. and Woodrow Johnson of Amarillo, the Ross Shook family of Denver City, the Charles Neills of Albuquerque, N. M., Lt. and Mrs. Schrepel of Biloxi, Miss., Mrs. John Silllivan of Virginia, Billy Johnson and wife of California, Mr. and Mrs. Don Schrepel of Amarillo were guests in the Will Johnson home over the holidays.

DOANS

Doans—C. W. Igou spent the holidays in Amarillo with his daughter, Mrs. Joe Lusk.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thomas and children, Sandra and Bill, of Amarillo have returned home after visiting their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Emmett and sons, Lane and Trent, of Fort Worth visited over the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Emmett.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Scherer and Wanda attended the wedding of Mrs. Scherer's nephew, G. W. Bellar, at the Welch Church of Christ in Denton last week. The bride, Miss Peggy Smith, is home demonstration agent of Clay County. They will make their home in Henrietta.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Sweatmon and daughter, Mrs. Jimmy Pressley, of Muleshoe spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. A. J. Wall.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith during Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Earle McDaniel of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McDaniel, Sue and Sandy of Clafflin, Kan.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Scherer had as Christmas guests Miss Nadine Pendleton of Oklahoma City, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bradshaw and children of Oklahoma City and Miss Wanda Scherer of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Phillips and daughter, Jane, and Mrs. A. J. Wall are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Sweatmon and Mrs. Jimmy Pressley in Muleshoe.

Mrs. I. Bellar of Denton is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. H. Scherer.

Winburn Smith has returned to San Angelo after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Emmett and baby of Colorado City spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Emmett.

Wanda Scherer has resumed her school duties at Buckner Orphans Home in Dallas after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Scherer.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith and son, Winburn, visited in Oklahoma City Saturday with her brother, Euell McDaniel, and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stafford of Tulaire, Calif., are visiting his sister, Mrs. Dan Coffee.

Jack Parker, student at a Denton college, spent the holidays with his brother, J. C. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Lakey and Linda of Austin visited her father, L. B. Woodard, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gauntt of Fort Worth spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Roy Bradford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mason had as holiday guests their daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Robinson, Billy and Beckey of Garland, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Shelton and Timie Lou of Wichita Falls.

Miss Linda Kay Etheridge has returned to her home in Amarillo after visiting her grandmother, Mrs. A. G. Etheridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker and son, Frank, and Jessie Parker visited last week in the homes of their son, Paul Parker, and their daughter, Mrs. Bert Sims, in Lee Summit, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Corbitt and Sue of Wichita Falls spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Horace Coffee, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Swanson and family of Abilene spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nichols visited their sons, Frank and Gene, in Frisco Tuesday. On Wednesday they visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Nichols, of Celina; and en route home they visited their daughter, Mrs. H. P. Warren, in Breckenridge. Their granddaughter, Judy Kay, accompanied them home for a visit.

Mrs. Willis Downing of Dumas is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Dan Coffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Paulk of Fort Worth spent Christmas Day with her cousin, Mrs. Horace Coffee, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Armstrong and Doris visited relatives in Fort Worth during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Coffee and son, Horace, Jr., visited Sunday with his brother, Dick, and family in Fort Worth.

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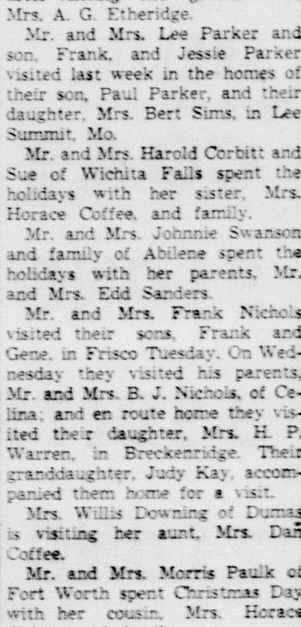

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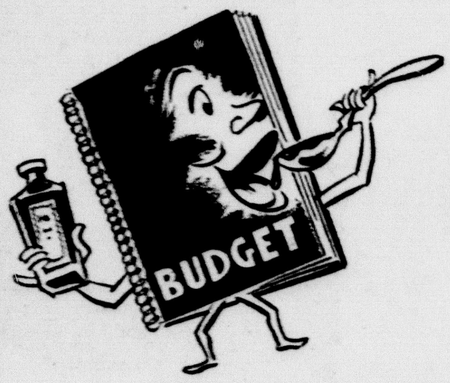

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Woman's Angle—By Mary Lake

With the holidays finally over, the thoughts of the fashion world are turning to Spring. Many Vernon stores are receiving Spring merchandise and the gay colorful clothes are a welcome note amidst drab Winter surroundings. During this week, I will begin making the rounds of the stores and attempt to tell you about some of the pretty things I see.

At styles shows and in fashion magazines, designers are showing very feminine clothes for Spring 1954. The very newest style is an adapation of the classic princess line. Bodices are cut high and softly draped. Waistlines are molded and demand practically a handspan waist. All type clothes are following this basic style, from suits to beach wear. For after-five styles, fashion experts are predicting the beloved full skirts worn over petticoats will still be stylish. However, the waistlines will again be emphasized with large belts or cumberbunds. Seems we are going to have to take our diet charts in hand before Spring with all talk of tiny waistlines and figure-hugging skirts. Better watch those calories.

Mrs. Kenneth Henry, recently returned from a three-week's tour of Mexico, was at a party one evening last week full of exciting tales about the magic land south of the border. She brought many unusual articles home with her. One of her most prized purchases was a unique ring of silver. Two silver balls, set obliquely, were highly polished and set on a slim band of sterling silver. Mrs. Henry wore a simple black two-piece ensemble. The picture frame neckline of the molded bodice was heavily encrusted with all sorts of glitter. She wore heavy silver jewelry and used black accessories.

Creamy white wool jersey beautifully complimented the brunette coloring of Mrs. Fred Sumner Hanna at one of the many parties given last week. The one-piece dress was cinched at the waist with a contour belt. Bright sparkling rhinestones were sprinkled generously across the shirtwaist bodice which was fashioned with a high neck and bracelet length sleeves.

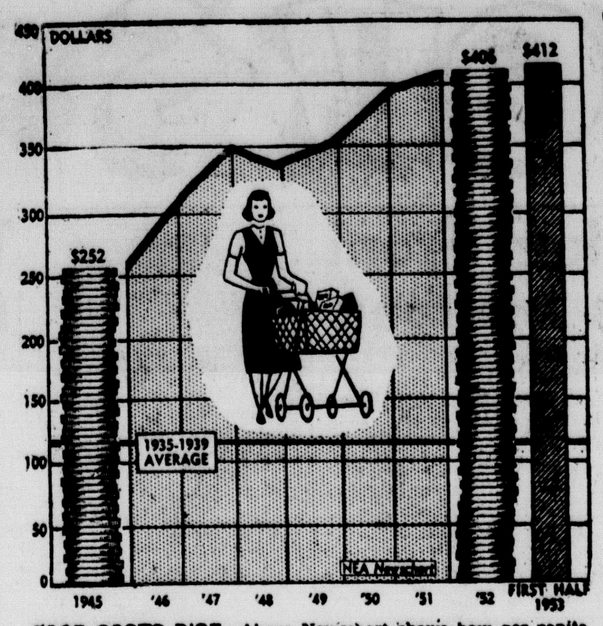
For several months now, each Sunday's edition of The Vernon Record has carried a column called VHS Chatter. Miss Jo Boyd, high school senior, has faithfully written this entertaining article. Now Jo is observing the annual Christmas holidays but next Sunday she will be back with more news of the happenings among the teen-agers. This petite young lady has been doing a remarkable job and I do want to let her know just how much her efforts are appreciated. Every Friday afternoon, come football game, bad cold or what-have-you, Jo makes her appearance at my desk with her copy neatly typed and ready for the printers. Thanks a lot, Jo, and we will be looking for more and mor. VHS Chatter in the coming months.

Vernonites celebrated New Year's Eve in various ways, with small, informal parties proving the most popular. At one such affair, Mrs. Hortense Bolton appeared in a simple sweater and skirt costume. Her sky blue nylon sweater was worn with a cleverly draped black gabardine skirt. At the neckline, she wore a pearl choker fashioned in an intricate lacy design. Her earrings matched the necklace. She wore French-heeled ankle strap shoes of black suede and other black accessories.

Mrs. Ben Long appeared at a party one evening last week in a champagne colored faille two-piece suit. The fitted jacket was fashioned on the new short lines and had a brief peplum. Covered buttons were used down the front of the jacket which was highlighted on the shoulders with rhinestones. The skirt was cut along slim lines. Her earrings and bracelet were rhinestones.

Peacock blue iridescent taffeta was used for a beautiful dress worn by Mrs. F. B. Steele at one of the holiday parties. Truly a glamor creation, it was made with a huge skirt and fitted bodice. The tiny collar was fastened with a large rhinestone button. The sleeves were a bouffant style. Adding a note of interest to her costume were tear drop earrings of peacock blue crystal that exactly matched the material in her dress.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Troja and daughters, Diane and Jo Ann, were in Dallas Friday to attend the Cotton Bowl game.



FOOD COSTS RISE—Above Newschart shows how per capita food costs have risen in the U. S. from 1945 to the present. Starting with $252 in 1945, the per capita expenditure rose to $406 in 1952 and reached an all-time high of $412 for the first half of 1953. The 1935-39 average was $119 per person. Data from U. S. Department of Agriculture.

BRIEFS

ROCK CROSSING

Rock Crossing—Visitors in the Bob Matthews home over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. John Gritts of Moab, Utah, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Matthews of Burknett. They also received word that their son, Charles, of Lakehurst, N. J., will sail Jan. 4 for Spain.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Nelson and family of Prineville, Ore., and Edna Mae O'Neil of Fort Worth visited Grant O'Neill over the holidays.

Mrs. Mary Dean Byars and children of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cox of Alvin visited the Marshall Cox family.

Mr. and Mrs. Cotton Tillery and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Stewart, in Fort Worth over the week-end.

T. Sgt. Ray Barnes and wife of Elgin, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Sharp and son of Grand Prairie, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Stiles, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stiles and children and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Fellows, all of Wichita Falls visited the Marshall Barnes last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Speed and children of Lake Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Speed of Gould, Okla., and Travis Speed of Pensacola, Fla., visited the G. G. Speeds over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Ramzy had as their guests over the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ramzy and Susie of Oklahoma City, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Ramzy and Mike of Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Bowden and Jay Dean of Amarillo.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Green over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Craighead of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. James Ivy and son of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Aston and Carolyn visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Don Aston and family in Memphis, Tenn., during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Derwin Tomlinson and Karen of Gainesville, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ray Sterns of Temple visited Mr. and Mrs. Dutch Thornbrough.

Week-end guests of Mrs. Dave Barrier were Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Smith of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Clearance Butler and family of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Barrier and family of Smackover, Ark., Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Childs and children of Hobbs, N. M.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Watson were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Luton and son, Mr. and Mrs. Stockley of Fort Worth, Granny Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. James Allen Watson and son of Kermit.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gay over the week-end were Mrs. R. C. Palms, Howard Gay and son of Iowa Park, Mr. Clearance Roberts, wife and son of Iowa Park, Mrs. Edith Eckelbarger of Emlesston, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Beavers, Holliday, Mr. and Mrs. Vernoy Johnson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Kildow and children of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Beavers of Holliday.

Visitors in the Roy Fowler home were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fowler and children, Mrs. Roy Fickline of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Thetford Fowler of Midland, Mrs. Roy Fowler and Roy Wayne went to Whitesboro to visit Mr. and Mrs. Buck Morris and son.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Bishop were Mrs. John T. Hammons and children of McAlester, Okla., Barbara Bishop, Richard Bishop, Comanche, Okla., Mus. Bud Baldwin, Randlett, Okla., Mrs. Chester Gable and son, San Antonio.

Patsy Smith is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Cranny Garner in Amarillo.

ELLIOTT

Elliott—Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Yarborough spent the holidays in Corpus Christi with their daughter, Mrs. Bill Wilkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Carlisle of Fort Worth spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Wayne Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wilkinson and children, Connie and Larry, of Lubbock spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Gober Wilkinson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Schur and Linda of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Sylvin Schoppa and children Shirlyn Sue and Rodney, of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kieschnick last week.

Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Twenhaufel are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Golke, of Littlefield.

Roselyn Schoppa, student in Winfield, Kan., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schoppa.

Mrs. Morris Cope of Wichita Falls visited last week with her brother, Jack Gfeller, and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Roth and children, Glenda, Cheri and Eddie, of Houston visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wiederanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Rainwater and daughters, Linda Lou and Mary Dean, spent the week-end in Dallas with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Stephens.

Carla Garrett visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Murphy of Waurika, Okla.

Mrs. Bill Wilkinson and Diane of Corpus Christi are visiting Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Yarbrough and Mr. and Mrs. Gober Wilkinson.

Kenneth Rainwater is working in Edinburg.

Mrs. Truman Garrett, Mrs. Gober Wilkinson and Roy Wilkinson visited in Wichita Falls Tuesday.

Carol Stephens of Rotan is visiting her brother, Rev. Merle Stephens, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Matney and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Matney and Jean spent Christmas with relatives in Lubbock.

Dee Schuman of Fort Dix, N. J., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Schuman, and his brother, Lee Schuman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crabtree and son, Floyd Jay, of Tulia visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hutchins, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McAda and Elaine of Lamesa spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ashworth.

Mrs. T. B. Matney is visiting her mother, Mrs. Lillie Hall, in an Amherst hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Barker and sons, Gary, Don, Tommy, Jr., Dale, and Wendell, visited her brother, Charlie Rawle, and family in Wichita Falls Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Gooch and children, Roger, Jane and Lou Ann, of Rotan and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lemon and children, Brenda and Richard, of Borger were holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lemon.

Jeanette Thomas of Dallas is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sophia Lucas and family.

Edmund Noakes has returned to Texas Tech in Lubbock after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Noakes. He is a senior student at Tech and is majoring in architectural structure and structural engineering.

Perfume That Clings

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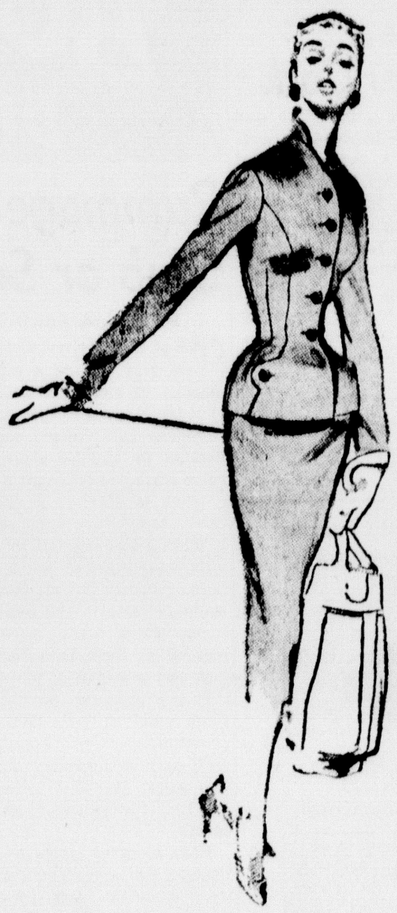

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Jerry Returns—With Troubles

Pop was so sputtering mad because he'd hit his head with the rake handle, that I was sacked immediately.

BY LEE PRIESTLEY

PUT me in a leaky rowboat and call me Christopher Columbus Thompson. I've made a great discovery. Here it is for free.

If you meet a mess of bad luck, don't tense. That's the way the ball bounces, and it may turn out real George after all.

When the weather turns cold, we make a week end trip to the Farm for the Husking Bee. Our family is plenty chesty over the fact that there's been a harvest celebration on the Home Place every year since Great-Great-Grandpappy convinced the Indians they had only squatter's rights to the farm.

"Do you suppose the dolly from the next farm will be there?" I asked my twin sister.

"Dolly?" Betsy said. "Oh, you mean Sue? I think she was only visiting." Betsy had been looking at the house next door, vacant since the Camerons left town. "I thought Mom said someone was going to move in there." Then she gave me a real thoughty look. "Jerry, you remember what happened this time last year?"

"Huh? Oh, when we started to the Husking Bee? And you had to wait a few minutes while I did a few little things?"

Betsy snorted. "We waited hours. While you put on the storm windows. And mulched the roses. And stored the yard furniture. While you finished six months' chores."

"Well, gosh, a guy gets rushed. Stuff piles up."

"Pop said—with sound effects," Betsy reminded me, "That it hadn't better happen again. Or you'll get left like a fat character chasing a bus."

I went on dreaming about Sue, the cool local yokel, and planning to be right there beside her when she shucked a red ear of corn. That's been a smooching signal since Great-Grandpappy's time.

BUSY TIME

BUT while I dreamed, I did all the chores. All. I stashed away the summer stuff, cleaned and painted. I hauled out the winter stuff, cleaned and repaired. I was not only current at school, I was ahead, if you can believe it. I wrote up stuff that wasn't even due yet.

By Friday night we knew Pop would get home from his business trip just in time to take off again for the Farm. I checked up with Betsy.

"Can you think of anything I've overlooked?"

"Yard furniture? Lawn mower?"

I made a circle with my thumb and forefinger. "In the bag."

Betsy looked out of the window. "Hey, somebody is moving in next door. I see a light."

I wasn't interested. "I don't think there's a thing, but I wouldn't want my foot to slip at the last minute. Say, Sister, if you want to be a pal, you'll reroute any red ears you meet to Sue."

Next morning, Pop went out to drive the car around. And the roar he roared brought the rest of us out on the double. By that time the deep pockets parent was so riled he sputtered.

WHO DID IT?

THERE, piled up at the edge of our drive was a mess that looked like a cyclone-struck hardware store crossed with the city dump. A wheelbarrow, three empty bushel baskets, a busted-seated chair, a step ladder, a hoe, a bunch of paper-stuffed cardboard cartons, two paint buckets, a lawn mower, a mess of empty jelly glasses, fruit jars and a rake. Pop had stepped on the rake.

I yelped like a bee-stung pup. "Honest, Pop. I didn't—"

"I see you didn't!" Pop roared. "I've got eyes in my head! Likewise a bump I can't get my hat over. March right back in the house, young man. You're staying at home."

He was so mad he didn't give me a chance to say that mess was as horrid a surprise to me as it was to him. Watching the car turn out of the drive, I drop kicked one of the paint buckets over the fence.

There was a little shriek and then a girl looked over the fence. "I'm sorry the movers left all that stuff over there, but you don't have to — Why, Jerry Thompson! Do you live next door?"

My mouth fell open. Sue! The dolly from the next farm to Gramp's. The pretty local yokel, more George than ever.

"My father sold the farm to my uncle," Sue was saying. "But we're going back today for the Husking Bee. Why didn't you go with your folks when they left just now, Jerry? Then before I could answer, she added, kind of shy and cute, "Would you like to drive up with us?"

Would I! It wasn't only the weather that had turned out cool. I thought about those red ears of corn.

"Shucks, yes!" I told Sue.

Are You A Brick?

BY ERNEST S. KELLY

Okay, so your pal is a swell fella. I'm not arguing.

But, can YOU tell me where that term "Brick" came from?

No—you can't? Honest fellow —you're a brick!

Interested? Okay, here goes. Plutarch, the ancient writer, in his "Life Of Agesilaus" (King of Sparta), gives the strange and exciting origin of the term "You're a Brick!"

The story goes . . . A certain ambassador, from Esperus, was shown by the King around his capital city. The ambassador, a shrewd man, knew that the King, although professing to rule Sparta only, actually bossed all of Greece, and expected to see huge stone walls guarding the city. He saw nothing of the kind. The city of Sparta appeared to be unprotected.

"Sire," he said to the King. "We have travelled much, yet I find no walls and towers for defense. Why not?"

The King of Sparta laughed, proudly. "You didn't look very carefully, my friend," he told the Ambassador. "Come with me tomorrow morning and I will show you the Walls of Sparta!"

The following morning the King led his guest out on to the plain, where a huge army was drawn up, thousands of men and horses. The King pointed proudly to the great array saying, "See! Behold the Walls of Sparta, ten thousand men, and every man a brick!"

Do your friends say that you, too, are a "brick"?

Magic Trick

A Paper Cork

Fill a glass with water and place a piece of lightweight cardboard on it. A 3x5 filing card works very nicely. Working over a sink, put one hand on the glass and lay the palm of the other hand over the card. Invert the glass and remove the hand from under the card. The card will act as a cork to hold the water in the glass. This happens because air pushes up as well as down.

Pull a corner of the paper away from the glass to allow a bubble of air to enter. Out comes the water.

Letters Taken From Capt. Hal's Mailbag

Dear Captain Hal,

I am 13 years old and in the eighth grade. I have dark brown hair and brown eyes. My hobbies are playing the piano, stamp collecting and writing to pen pals. I would like to hear from boys and girls of all ages.

Bernice Swor
Route 2, Box 422
Camarillo, Calif.

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Dear Captain Hal,

I am 10 years old. I have light brown hair and hazel eyes. My favorite sport is swimming.

Nan Brooke
1120 Calhoun Place
Anniston, Ala.

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Dear Captain Hal,

I am a girl 13 years old. I would like to have boys and girls 13-17 to write to me. I will answer all letters.

Elna Pettigrew
708 Barnes St.
Reidsville, N. C.

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Dear Captain Hal,

I am 14 years old. I have light brown hair and brown eyes. I am five feet, three inches tall. My favorite sport is swimming. I collect snapshots of movie stars. I would like pen pals between the ages of 14-16.

Jo Ruth Smith
P. O. Box 133
N. Belmont, N.C.

Dear Captain Hal,

I am a girl 12 years old. I have brown hair and brown eyes. My hobby is collecting movie star pictures. I would like pen pals between the ages of 11-14.

Geraldine Murphy
53 Cypress Ave.
Methuen, Mass.

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Dear Captain Hal,

I am 13 years old. I have blond hair and blue eyes. My favorite sports are baseball and basketball. I will write to all girls who write to me between the ages of 12-14.

Doreen Starr
1713 Princeton
North Las Vegas, Nev.

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Dear Captain Hal,

I am a girl 13 years old. I am five feet, six inches tall. I have brown hair and brown eyes. I would like to hear from boys and girls between the ages of 12-13.

Irene McBee
Victory Station
Gastonia, N. C.

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Dear Captain Hal,

I am a boy 16 years old. I have blond hair and blue eyes. I would like pen pals from all over the world. My hobbies are fishing and baseball.

Frank Pennington
113 Osage
Corpus Christi, Tex.

MEET Bernice Swor of Camarillo, Calif. She tells about herself in Captain Hal's pen pal column today.

Dear Captain Hal,

I am a girl 13 years old. I have light brown hair and blue eyes. I would like to hear from boys and girls all over the United States.

Kathleen Newcomb
Clark Lane
New London, Conn.

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Dear Captain Hal,

I am a girl 14 years old. I would like to hear from boys and girls 14-16. I have light brown hair and blue eyes. I take clarinet lessons and play in the Edgewood band. I like to knit, read and write letters.

Judy Heim
2422 Fox Ave.
Madison 5, Wis.

Try Puzzle Pete's Mixed-Up Riddles

Games With Words

CHANGELINGS

Below is a list of animals. Put a short word or part of a word before each animal to make the meaning given. Here are the answers for the first two to give you the idea:

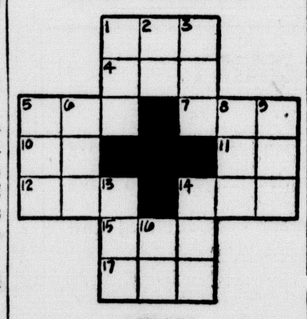
No. 1 is TITMOUSE

No. 2 is KRACOW

A good score for this rather difficult game would be 18 to 20.

CHANGE	TO
1. Mouse	A small bird related to the nut hatch.
2. Cow	A Polish city.
3. Dog	Frankfurter on a roll.
4. Crow	A figure set up outdoors to frighten birds away from crops.
5. Bug	To cheat or deceive.
6. Bug	An incendiary.
7. Horse	Used when cutting up wood.
8. Rabbit	A cheese dish served on toast.
9. Lion	A yellow wild flower.
10. Cur	To agree.
11. Bat	Conflict, strife.
12. Cow	A Russian city.
13. Deer	A kind of plover.
14. Bear	To endure.
15. Puppy	A sort of pancake.
16. Sole	Comfort, encourage.
17. Pike	A road having a tollgate.
18. Mare	A bad dream.
19. Hawk	An Indian ax.
20. Drake	A wild plant.
21. Jay	A conceited silly person.
22. Rat	A card game.
23. Ox	A cleaning fluid.
24. Goose	A snake-killing animal of India.
25. Frog	An outdoor game.
26. Pigeon	An informer.
27. Horse	Frame on which to hang laundry.

Junior Crossword



ACROSS

1 Sprite
4 Short for Louise
5 Seek information
7 Incline the head
10 Towards
11 Opposite of yes
12 Finish
14 Part of the body
15 Fuss
17 At this time

DOWN

1 Animal
2 Exclamation
3 Pleasure
5 Have eaten
6 Boy
8 Number
9 Animal
13 Short for Daniel
14 Opposite of high
16 Opposite of do not

Israeli Jumble

Three facts about Israel are concealed in these three strange lines. Just rearrange the letters until you find them.

JAMES RULE
UR CUT IS FIRST
STUN COOP SUM

Israeli Rebus

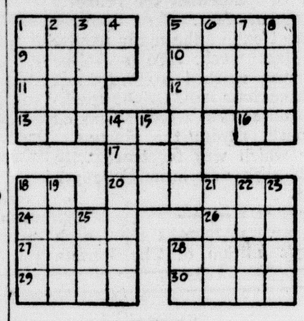
Use the words and pictures to your fullest advantage and you'll have little trouble finding the four facts about Israel hidden in this rebus by Puzzle Pete:

Coded Message

Here's a puzzle where Puzzle Pete has used a simple code for the correct letters. Just as a hint, the fourth word is ISRAEL. Now see if you can finish the sentence.

Uif Sfqvcmjd pg Jtsbfm jt qsjnbsjmz bo bhsjdvmuvsbm dpvousz.

Israeli Crossword



ACROSS

1, 5 Israel occupies the major portion of Palestine, the
9 Cry of bacchanals
10 Great Lake
11 Brythonic sea god
12 English princess
13 Prattled
16 Editor (ab.)
17 Exist
18 Be quiet!
20 Sea nymph
24 Shrunken
26 Fish eggs
27 On the sheltered side
28 Italian city
29 Equal
30 Erect

DOWN

1 Assist
2 Above
3 Feminine appellation
4 Biblical pronoun
5 Conductor
6 Scottish alder tree
7 Number
8 Act
14 Steel cargo boat
15 Before
18 Blow with open hand
19 Robust
21 Gaelic
22 Jot
23 Forest creature
25 Born
28 Comparative suffix

Israeli Triangle

MEDINAT Israel is the name of the country of Puzzle Pete's visit, which makes him hang his triangle from the native word. The second word is "a newspaper official"; third, "ate"; fourth, "a Roman road"; fifth, "to bow slightly"; and sixth, "a measure of area." Now you finish the triangle from these clues:

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The BOYS and GIRLS PAGE

Rummage Sale Will Aid Club or School Treasury

BY IDA M. PARDUE

ONE of the quickest and easiest ways of making a satisfying amount of money to swell that club treasury, is by putting on a rummage sale. Every coin that trickles in will be clear profit, since what you sell costs nothing.

What is sold at a rummage sale? Any usable item someone is willing to donate. Two young girls who yearned for a saddle horse recently put on their own rummage sale in the family garage. They were more than amazed at their take—over $11—in just a couple of hours.

If two girls can do this well, think what a whole club might accomplish. One organization with just 18 members has held two sales; the first brought in $46 and the second, just short of $90.

Each member starts by going through her own closets and bureau drawers. Ask your own mother about parting with clothes you have outgrown. What about that gift bottle of scent you never liked? That string of beads, or bracelet which doesn't suit your taste? Those books you've read dozens of times? Old costumes, toys, extra pencils, magazines, hats, gloves, mittens, comics, all can be turned into bright nickels and dimes at a rummage sale.

ADVERTISE PLANS

MOTHER may welcome the chance to get rid of those odds and ends of dishes and bric-a-brac; framed pictures, wall placques, old curtains, jelly glasses; anything goes at a rummage sale. Just be sure that what you offer is clean, and can still be of use to someone.

Your clubroom is the logical place to hold the sale. Or perhaps you can get permission for the use of a vacant store for a couple of days.

Start the ball rolling a week in advance by advertising with posters, bulletin notices, and plenty of talk. A day ahead of sale time, as many members as possible should show up at the salesroom, to help sort the merchandise and lay it out in neat piles on small tables or boxes. A line on which to hang dresses and other clothing would be very handy. Old shoes, tied or scotch-taped together in pairs, can be offered in a cardboard carton.

Keep prices low if you wish speedy sales. A pair of shoes should bring 25 cents. Cotton dresses are worth from 25 cents to 50 cents, depending on the condition. A man's suit sells for $1.50. So will a good dress of taffeta, crepe or other nice material.

Used comics will go like hotcakes at a nickel a pair. Offer paper-backed books for 10 cents, and magazines at 5 cents. You'll have to use your own judgment about pricing odds and ends.

Use a muffin tin as a cash register. Provide newspapers and paper sacks for wrapping and holding purchases.

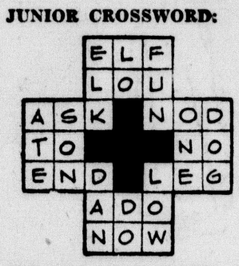
If there is still merchandise left at the end of the sale, donate it to some organiztion like the Salvation Army or Good Will.

Besides earning money, you'll find a rummage sale is fun.

Many youth groups have held rummage sales to benefit their school or club. How they did it, is outlined here.

Answers to Puzzles

JUNIOR CROSSWORD:



ISRAELI CROSSWORD:

ISRAELI REBUS: Star of David; Dead Sea; Arabs; Beersheba.

CODED MESSAGE: The Republic of Israel is primarily an agricultural country.

ISRAELI JUMBLE: Jerusalem; Citrus fruits; Mount Scopus.

ISRAELI TRIANGLE:
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CHANGELINGS: 1—Titmouse. 2—Kracow. 3—Hot dog. 4—Scarecrow. 5—Humbug. 6—Fire bug. 7—Saw horse. 8—Welsh rabbit. 9—Dandelion. 10—Concur. 11—Combat. 12—Moscow. 13—Killdeer. 14—Forbear. 15—Hush puppy. 16—Console. 17—Turnpike. 18—Nightmare. 19—Tomahawk. 20—Mandrake. 21—Popinjay. 22—Baccarat. 23—Clorox. 24—Mongoose. 25—Leap frog. 26—Stool pigeon. 27—Clotheshorse.

RIDDLES: 1—You lick one with a stick, while you stick the other with a lick. 2—He puts down three and carries one. 3—Nov-ember and Dec-ember. 4—It makes him fast. 5—One is the sale of effects, while the other is the effects of a sail.

Game Fun

Play Iron-Claw

Have you ever watched an iron-claw game work? The kind where you put in a coin, and then a claw swings over a heap of small candies and favors, picks up some, and drops them into a chute?

How good do you think you would be as an iron claw?

You can find out by playing this game. Try it with a friend or play it at your next party.

All you need are a couple of bowls—one empty, and the other filled with dried navy beans. Have someone keep score with pencil and paper. Place the bowls one arm's reach apart on a table.

Players take turns dipping into the beans with all five fingers held stiffly, iron-claw style. When a player has picked up all the beans he can hold, he pulls his hand out and empties the "claw" into the other bowl. One point is scored for each bean dropped into the empty bowl.

The player who gets the most beans into the empty bowl has the best "iron claw."

Wires Crossed

A little boy who had been told that kitty had electricity in her fur explained it this way to an older playmate. "You mustn't stroke her the wrong way. The wires are all covered over with fur, but they're there just the same."

Wastebasket Fun

Get a solid color wastebasket in any size. Cut out pictures of your favorite sport or hobby from magazines and glue them on the wastebasket.

When the glue has dried, shellac or varnish the basket.

Use the basket in your bedroom for scraps or as a storage bin for some of your favorite possessions.

Riddles

1. What is the difference between a donkey and a postage stamp?
2. Why is a lame dog like a schoolboy adding six and seven?
3. What are the ashes of the expiring year?
4. Why does tying a slow horse to a post improve his pace?
5. What is the difference between seasickness and an auction of goods?

ZOO'S WHO

Funnel Blow Trick

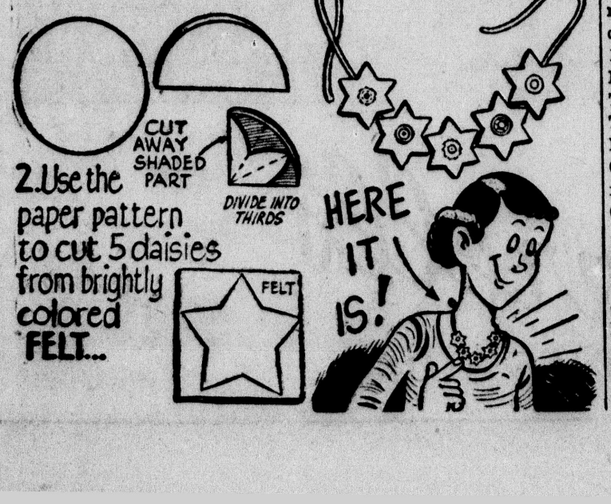
See who can be the first to blow out a candle by blowing through a funnel.

This can be done only if the funnel is held so low that the top edge of the large part of the funnel is in line with the candle flame. Most people will hold the funnel in the wrong place.

Obedience

A teacher giving a test told the class to write the words needed in the blank spaces. On one paper every one of the ten questions had the word "needed" written in.

SWEATER NECKPIECE



County Briefs

RIVERSIDE

Riverside.—Joe Royce Huntley and son, Rickey, of Turlock, Calif., are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Cap Adkins and husband.

Dave Camp of Houston spent the Christmas holidays with his brother-in-law and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kuehn and Ward.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Audrey Schroeder of Welsh, La., visited his father, Ewald Schroeder, and wife during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Kasperek, and sons, have returned to their home in Houston after spending last week with her mother, Mrs. T. L. Ward and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Richter and family of Arlington spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Richter.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Matus and family of Red Springs, S/C. and Mrs. Bert Cerveny and daughter of Lawton, Okla., Mrs. Charlie Matus of Megargle, Mr. and Mrs. Johnie Matus and family were dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Matus, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Speer and Wells, of Olney, spent Christmas Day with her sister, Mrs. Cap Adkins and husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Schulz and family visited her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Clark of Plainview, Sunday.

Mrs. Juanita Houston of El Reno, Okla., her mother, Mrs. Bob Huntley visited Mr. and Mrs. Cap Adkins Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gray and family of Carlsbad, N. M., are here visiting her sister, Mrs. Charley Gray and their father, W. K. Cain.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnie Matus and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Matus, Sr., and family, spent Christmas Day with the former's brother, Robert Motl and family of Bomarton.

J. B. Townley and family of Carlsbad, N. M., visited Mr. and Mrs. Charley Gray Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jady Tole of Wichita Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Tole and son were dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tole Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Tole and son returned last week from a visit with Mrs. Tole's mother, Mrs. Josie Griffeth and son of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Whitten had as their guests during Christmas, their children, as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Whitten and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Cato and sons, all of Worth Worth; Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Whitten, Jr., of San Antonio; S/Sgt. and Mrs. Rex Whitten and children of Lake Charles, La.; Mr. and Mrs. Herschell Butler and family of Chillicothe; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Earthman and family of Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tole and family of Tulia, Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Tole and family of Fort Smith, Ark., Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sanford and family of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ward and family of Chillicothe, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tole Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hammonds and family have returned from Waco where they visited relatives during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Adkins and family of Phillips, James Adkins and girls of Fort Worth have returned home after spending last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cap Adkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pyle and family of Floydada have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shultz and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hammonds during the Christmas holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Kasperick and son Stanley of Houston spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Ewald Schroeder and husband.

Mr .and Mrs. August Rummel and Lavoy spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. James Bice and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Rummel of Dumas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tillery and girls of Claimore, Okla., Kay Judieth and Frankie Cribbs of Fayetteville, Ark., were supper guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Cribbs Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Blakely and children spent last week with their parents, and other relatives of Savoy and Whitewright.

Raymond Skelton and family visited his sisters, Mesdames Swan and Vaughn, on their way to their home near Dimmitt this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cain of Farwell spent the holidays with his father and sister, W. K. Cain and Mr. and Mrs. Charley Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Roberts and Joan of Fort Worth visited Mrs. John S. Ray and mother Saturday.

Pfc. Clois Vaughn of Fort Hood, Mrs. Clois Vaughn of Lorenzo, spent Friday and Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Vaughn.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Mathews and sons, Bobby and Mike, from Spokane, Wash., visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Scott and son Pete of Texas City spent Friday and Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cap Adkins.

W. L. Mussetter of St. Louis is here for a visit with his mother and sister, Mrs. W. A. Mussetter and Mrs. John S. Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Raska and children of Sunray spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bice.

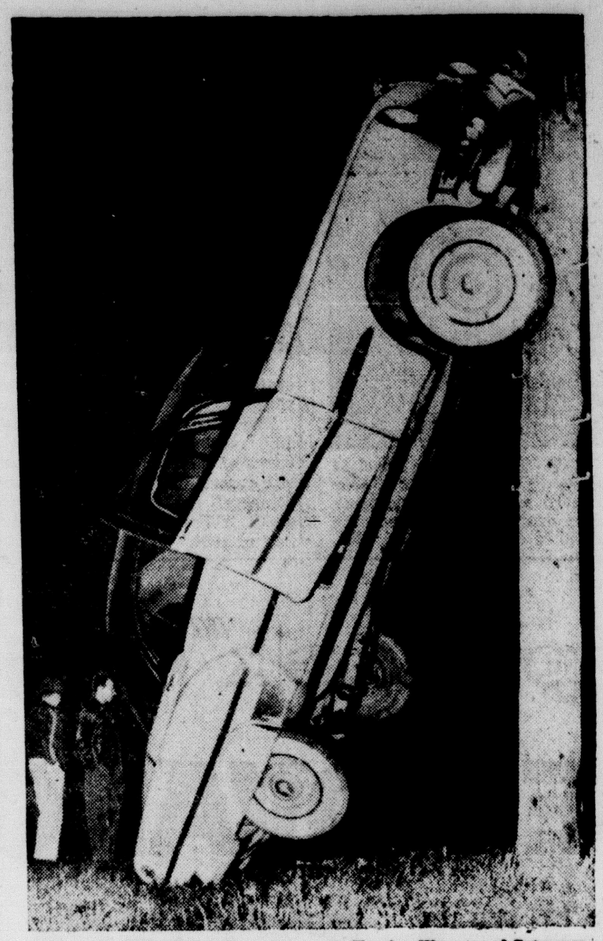
Floyd Richter and son, David, of Dallas spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Richter.

Dinner guests Christmas Day of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hammonds were, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Hammonds and family, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pyle and family of Floydada; Mr. and Mrs. Merle Moore and baby of Farmers Valley; Mr. and Mrs. Guss Hammonds of Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hammonds and daughter and Mrs. Langley of Thalia.

Mrs. Luther Townley of Frederick, Okla., and son, Bill Townley, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charley Gray, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Showers and sons of near Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. John Showers and daughter of Elliott, Leroy Bice of Wichita Falls, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bice Christmas.

Classified Ads Bring Results.



POLE CLIMBER—Believe it or not, Charles Weaver, of Syracuse, N. Y., only suffered bruises when his car slid up this light-pole guy wire. Only the rear bumper rests on the ground after the freak accident. Witnesses said Weaver bounced three times when he fell from the car.

Business Trends

Caution is out-talking cockiness as business squares away for a new year. Those who think the adjustment to normal times from the Korean boom is going to be a piecemeal one, count these blessings as the new year starts:

Incomes are high—both individually and in national totals. Savings are high. Living standards were never higher.

If Americans go on buying at a normal rate, 1954 will be a good year—even if off a little from 1953, as most now expect.

The worst that can happen—the middle-of-the-roaders believe — is an inventory readjustment in the first half of 1954, like 1948-49, with businessmen living off their stocks and factories cutting back production till orders pick up again.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fain and sons, Jay, Linsley and Brant, of Dallas have been visiting his father, J. A. Fain, and his grandmother, Mrs. J. J. Fain.

Want to Rent—Try a Want Ad!

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hendrix during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Romero and sons of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hendrix and daughter, Brenda, of North Hollywood, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Griffins and son, Robin, of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. James D. Nix and children, Chris and Michael of Reseda, Calif.; and Mr. and Mrs S. T. Rich and daughter, Marsha, of Eunice, N. M.

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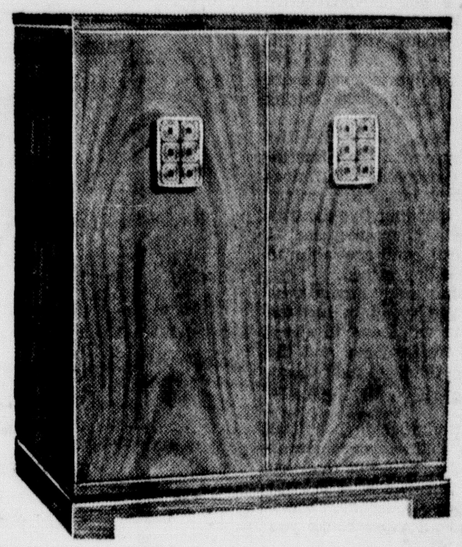

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New Resolutions Will Be Broken

BY HAL BOYLE

New York, Jan. 2. (AP)—If the road to Hell is paved with good intentions, there is a fine new six-lane super-highway today between here and Hades.

It is paved with the New Year's resolutions of perhaps 100 million Americans to lead better lives. Practically everybody makes these resolutions except women, small children, and non-talking dogs—all of whom either are already perfect or don't know how to spell the word resolution.

The only other exceptions are a few scattered old diehard scoundrels who are trying how to find a way to lead a worse life rather than a better one.

If They Were Kept

If all the good resolutions that are made at this season were really kept, the sale of aspirin would fall to almost nothing; so would the divorce rate, and the churches would be hanging out "standing room only" signs.

But, of course, most of these high resolves don't last. If each of these self-improvement artists broke a bone every time he broke one of his good resolutions, we'd have to tear down all our national forests to build crutches and splints.

The trouble with most personal reform programs is they set a Mt. Everest goal, where the average man finds the air too thin to breathe. Also, he gets lonely up there on his peak of purity.

Make One Good One

A better approach to the problem of leading a better life is to make not a dozen negative resolutions, but a single constructive one—and stick to it. For example, you might make yourself this pledge:

"I hereby resolve to spend more and more time in bed during 1954."

Now this is a simple, healthy pledge that any man with fine instincts and reasonable determination can carry out. You might start out by spending five minutes more in bed, then increase it gradually until you are able to spend a whole day in bed.

This plan has many advantages. The longer you spend in bed the less time you will have to spend in bars and traffic jams, and the more time to think up nice things to say to the wife, the kids and the boss.

You will find that in bed it is more fun to chain-daydream than to chain-smoke. You will find you need fewer medicines. You will have to do fewer household chores. You can read all those books you always intended to.

Safest From Accidents

In a stout bed you are safest from most kinds of accidents. It is also the best place to weather storms or floods, unless you are in a low-lying area, in which case it might be a good idea to be sure you have a mattress that floats.

The more time you spend in bed the more money you save. You need fewer new suits, your shoes last longer. Your grocery bills will fall because you need less food. Your feet will feel better, and, in fact, you'll feel better all over. Remember the old saying, "A sound mind in a sound bed."

The more you stay in bed the more you will escape all forms of trouble and the ambushes of an overcrowded civilization.

The main thing is to fight back with an iron will against the temptation to get up. When you are able to spend a whole weekend in bed, you'll know you've got your problem licked.

By 1955 you'll be able to look up at the ceiling with a proud face. You have stuck manfully to your good resolution, and you are a better man in a better world.

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SEAL OF APPROVAL—Perfect harmony is demonstrated by this jazz-loving seal and his trainer, Armand Guerre, as they perform at the Merdano circus in Paris, France. The sea beast that played in the "Greatest Show on Earth," can supposedly play the harmonica, cry with music and juggle perfectly.

Theatre in 1954

Both musical comedies and serious blank verse drama are forecast for the new Broadway theater season which will get under way in February.

Two promising early openings, however, will take place in late January, when Henry Fonda appears in "The Caine Mutiny Court Martial" and when Annabella arrives in "Dear Charles," a London hit.

The blank-verse entry in February will be T. S. Eliot's comedy, "The Confidential Clerk," and which will have a notable cast headed by Ina Claire and Claude Rains.

An impressive musical comedy opening will be "By The Beautiful Sea" with Shirley Booth playing the starring role. Herbert and Dorothy Fields are writing the book and Arthur Schwartz is composing the music.

CONFESSIONAL GOES OUTDOORS—Three women kneel at open-air confessionals at the Sanctuary of the Divine Love near Rome, Italy. The confessionals, believed to be the only outdoor rural confession boxes, were erected near tne spot where the Madonna is reported to have appeared to a Roman girl in 1760.

Numerical Size of Services Depends on Russian Plans

What is in store for the American armed forces in 1954 depends entirely on what plans the Communist camp has for the year.

If international conditions remain static, the picture will look something like this:

Top manpower chiefs figure on keeping the Army in 1954 at present organizational strength of 20 divisions plus enough regimental combat teams and other smaller combat units to equal the strength of six more divisions.

The Navy will continue to operate an average of 405 combatant ships.

The Air Force, which finished 1953 with about 105 effective wings of planes (a wing varies in size from 75 fighters to 30 heavy bombers) probably will grow to about 117 wings by the latter half of 1954.

TEAMS BOOST MORALE

Fort Dix, N. J., (AP)—Trainees in a special "carrier company" have 4-man buddy teams, who went through basic training together. They eat, work and soldier together and even spend off-duty time with each other. They'll be sent overseas together. It's a big morale booster, the Army says.

TEST IS THOROUGH

Newbury, Mass., (AP)—Newbury firemen are bound they'll get their money's worth. They bought a new horn to call members of the department. They tested it from atop the town hall and it proved pretty good. But before they fork over the cash they're going to test it from atop a barn at another end of town. If it rouses the deepest sleepers of the department the sale will be completed.

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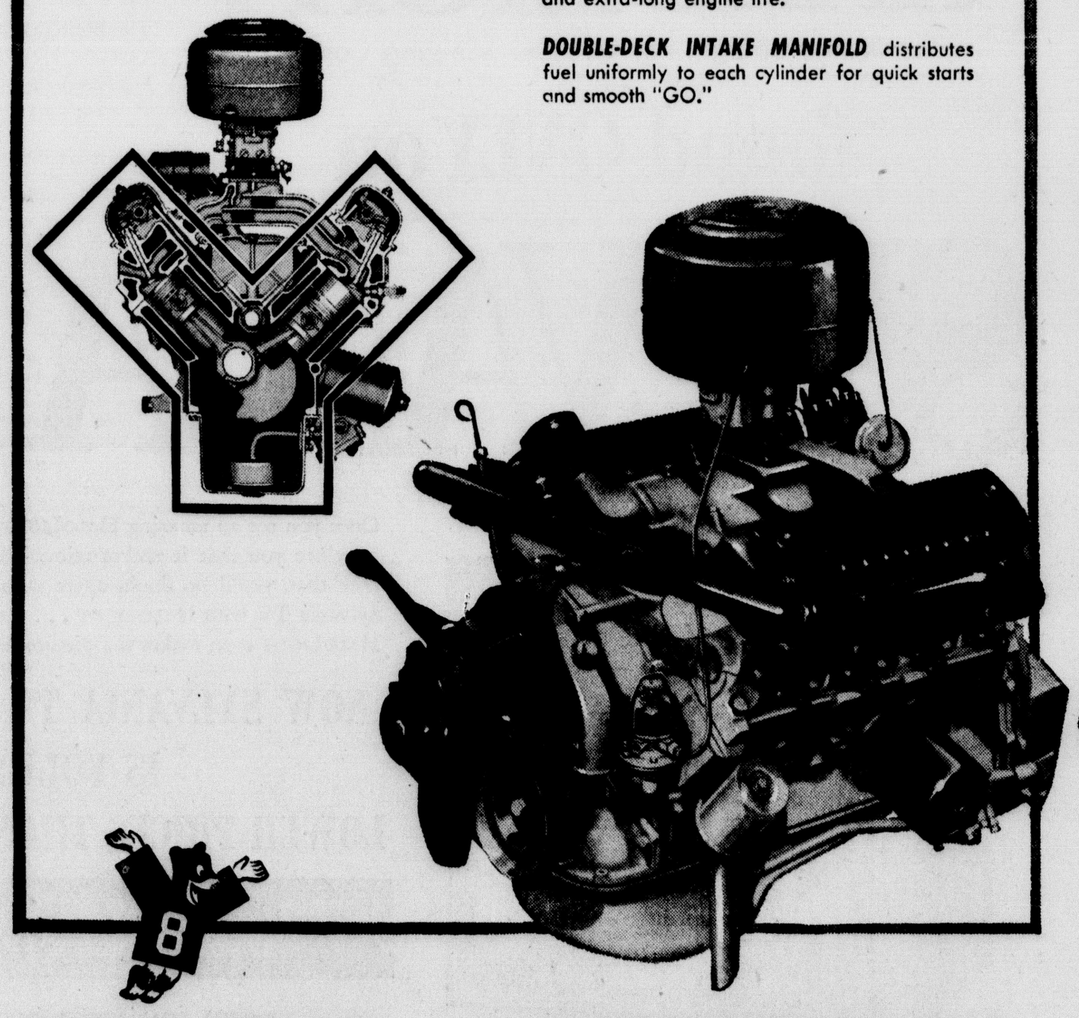

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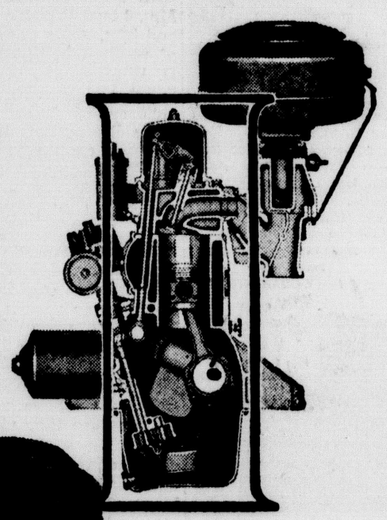

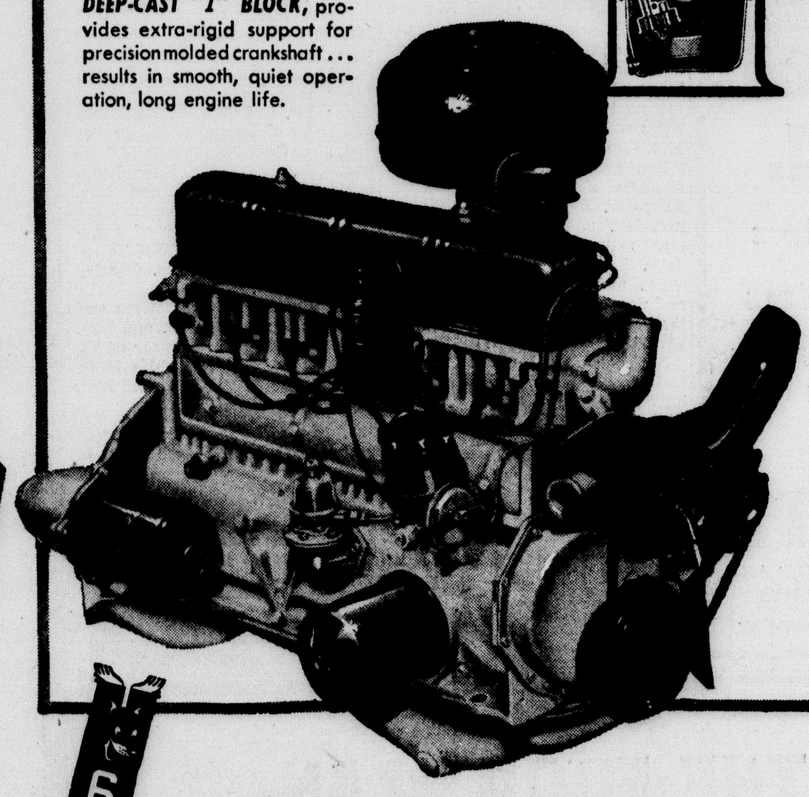

Again Ford makes engine news! The builder of more V-8's than all other manufacturers combined now introduces a brand new type of V-8—the Y-block V-8 . . . together with the most modern Six in the industry—the new and advanced I-block Six. The exciting new 1954 Fords will be introduced at your Dealer's Wednesday. So plan to Test Drive a Ford with either of these great new engines. You'll discover new and more responsive "Go" throughout the whole range of driving speeds. You'll find the smoothest, quietest performance ever available in a low-priced car. You'll agree . . . these '54 Ford power plants stand out as the greatest engine advances since the original Ford V-8.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 1954

JOE PALOOKA

by HAM FISHER

SAY, JERRY... YA LOOK TIRED... WHY DON'TCHA HIT TH' SACK?

SICH A COINSADUNCE... I WAS JIST GONNA TELL YA TH' SAME!

THIS IS THE PLACE!

YOU BOTH LOOK TIRED, BOYS.

UNCH AND MOTEL

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BARB

C'MON...LET'S GO IN...WE'LL STICK UP THEM GUYS TOO!

DON'T BE A SAP! WE'LL WAIT TILL THEY LEAVE!

WHY DON'TCHA GO T'BED, JERRY? YA LOOK ALL IN. GUESS I'LL GO TO MY CABIN ✲YAWN✲ G'NITE, WANDA.

NITE, KNOBBY. SLEEP TIGHT.

YEAH ✲YAWN✲ I'LL GO TOO. NITE, WANDA.

WELL, THERE'S MY CABIN...NITE, KEED.

I'LL WAIT IN MY CABIN FER A WHILE AN' SNEAK BACK T'WANDA, HEH HEH!

SEE YA AT BREAK-FAST...NITE.

I'LL WAIT IN MY CABIN FER A WHILE AN' SNEAK BACK T'WANDA. HEH HEH!

HOW ABOUT SOME COFFEE AN' APPLE PIE?

SAME HERE.

YOU BET. DO YOU BOYS WANT A CABIN FOR THE NITE?

HEE HEE...KNOBBY FELL FER IT...HE PROB'LY WENT RIGHT T'SLEEP. NOW I'LL SEE WANDA

HEH HEH...JERRY PROB'LY FELL RIGHT T'SLEEP...I'LL GET BACK T'WANDA NOW.

OKAY, TOOTSIE... HAND OVER THE DOUGH AN' KEEP YER MOUTH SHUT!

IF YA DON'T WANTA GET DRILLED!

ARBEQUE

NCH AND MOTEL

YA PHONEY!

GIT WHO'S CALLIN' ME A PHONEY...YA DOUBLE-CROSSER!

TO BE CONTINUED

OUT OUR WAY

WITH The Willets

by J. R. Williams

Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.

HOLD ON, BOY! I'M GOING TO DUMP US IN A SNOW HEAP--
THIS IS MY LAST TRIP!

HEY! THAT WAS FUN! WHAT'S THE IDEA OF QUITTING NOW?
OH, I'VE HAD ENOUGH--GOTTA GET HOME!

WOW! DID WE HAVE FUN WITH MY NEW SLED! WHERE'S MOM?
OVER AT A NEIGHBORS! TOO BAD YOU WEREN'T HERE--SHE GAVE ME A DOLLAR TO CLEAN TH' SNOW OFF THE WALKS!

A BUCK?! HEY, I ALWAYS CLEAN OUR WALKS! THAT'S MY JOB--AND MY DOUGH!
WELL, IF YOU **REALLY** WANT THE JOB I'LL GIVE YOU FIFTY CENTS!

WHY, YOU GYPPER! A BUCK OR NOTHING!
OKAY--NOTHING! I'LL DO IT MYSELF AS SOON AS I FINISH THIS STORY!

WOW! THAT'S A LOT OF SNOW TO SHOVEL FOR FIFTY CENTS!
WAIT A MINUTE, NOW--LOOK WHO'S COMING!

I JUST TOOK A LOOK AT THE WALKS, LIL--SNOW'S PRETTY DEEP! I WOULDN'T FEEL RIGHT LETTING YOU DO ALL THAT WORK--HOWS ABOUT GIVING ME 75 CENTS? YOU'D STILL MAKE A QUARTER!
OH, ALL RIGHT!

WHY, THAT LITTLE CHEAT! HE'S NOT GOING TO GET AWAY WITH IT!

THANKS, MISTER--YOU SURE SAVED ME A LOT OF WORK!

HEY! WHAT THE--

DON'T FORGET, HONEY BOY--YOU GET YOUR 75 CENTS WHEN THE WHOLE WALK IS CLEANED!

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J R WILLIAMS

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GYPPER THE CAT

OH, BOY! THERE'S **SQUEAKY** THE **MOUSE**!! THIS TIME HE WON'T ESCAPE!

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T. M. Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.

I'M GOING TO SET A **TRAP** AND CATCH THAT **MOUSE**!!

I FEEL SORRY FOR GYPPER!

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FOR YEARS THAT **MOUSE** HAS ELUDED OUR **CAT**!

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IT WON'T BE LONG NOW!!

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NO USE FOR ME TO WATCH THE TRAP.... GYPPER IS ON THE JOB!

STAR ISLAND

THERE GOES THE TRAP! SO IT'S GOODBY, SQUEAKY!!

SNAP!

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OUCH!

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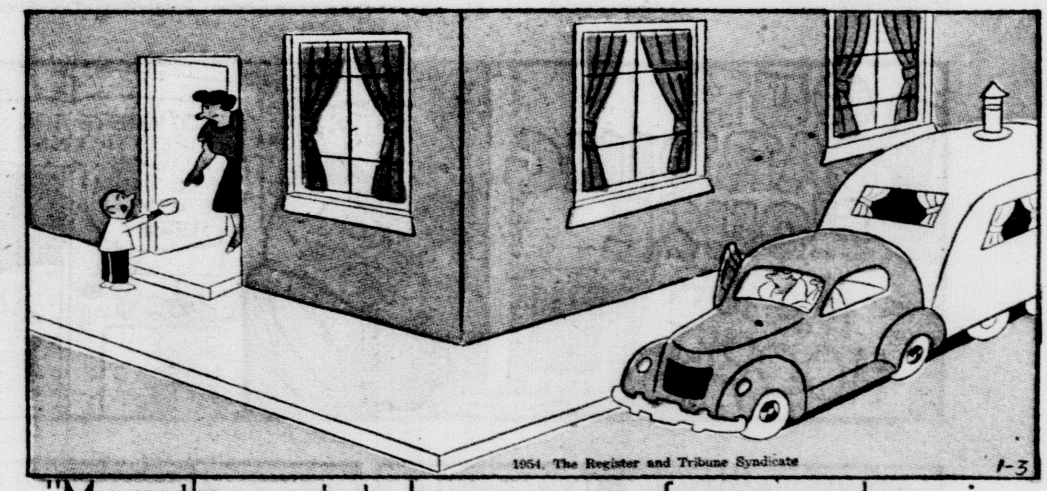
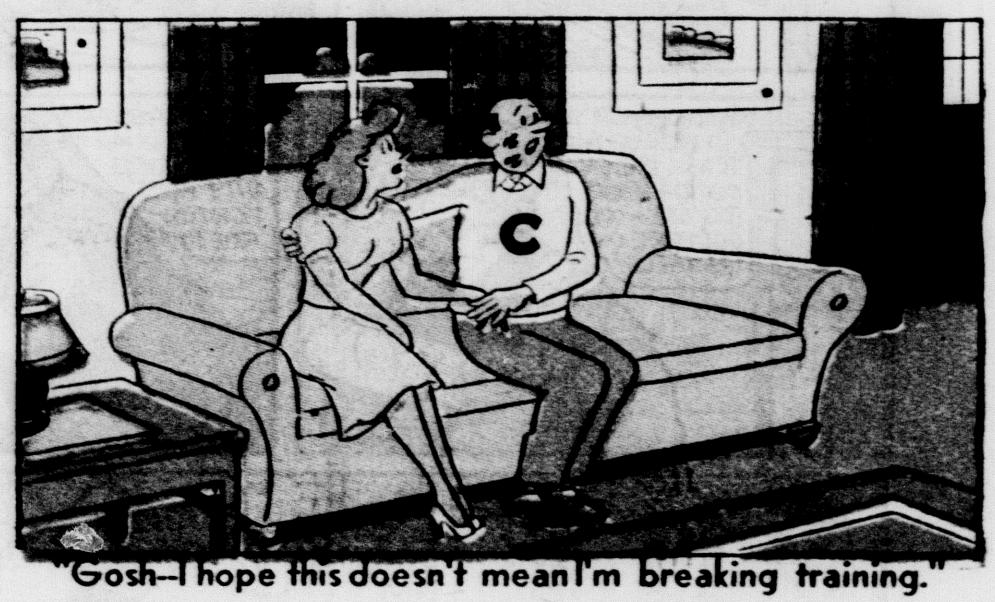
"This gas--how long have you had it?"



"My mother wants to borrow a cup of sugar--our house is right around the corner."

"Pleading will do you no good, Horace."

"Oh, it's nothing—Sis dropped the engagement ring you gave her, and I got hit with flying glass."



"Gosh--I hope this doesn't mean I'm breaking training."

SUPERMAN

WAYNE BORING

WILL YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY YOU TOOK BACK THE SUMMONS AFTER I WENT TO ALL THE TROUBLE OF...

JUST A MOMENT, ALICE! WITH MY *SUPER-VISION* I SEE SOMETHING UNDER THE WATER AHEAD OF US! I MUST DIVE IN AND INVESTIGATE!

LUCKY I SPOTTED THIS OLD SUBMERGED MINE BEFORE THE YACHT RAN INTO IT! NOW I'LL SOCK ONE OF THESE PRONGS AND...

...DETONATE THE EXPLOSIVE!

I TOOK BACK THE SUMMONS BECAUSE I SUSPECT THAT BEBE GRANDE IS NOT ON BOARD! WHENEVER THE OWNER OF A YACHT IS ABOARD, THE OWNER'S FLAG IS FLOWN! YOU'LL NOTE THAT THERE IS NO FLAG FLYING!

BUT... BUT THAT GIRL I GAVE THE SUMMONS TO LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE BEBE!

PRESENTLY...

I WAS RIGHT! THERE'S THE *REAL* BEBE GRANDE, WORKING ON A PICTURE! SHE SENT HER *DOUBLE* ON THE SEA VOYAGE TO FOOL PROCESS-SERVERS, BUT THE CAPTAIN, OUT OF HABIT, FAILED TO RAISE THE OWNER'S FLAG SINCE THE REAL OWNER WASN'T ABOARD!

SUPERMAN HAS HELPED ME SO FAR! NOW IT'S UP TO ME TO SERVE THIS SUMMONS ON BEBE! HMM... THEY'RE GETTING READY FOR A SCENE IN A BLIZZARD! THE MACHINES ARE STARTING TO BLOW ARTIFICIAL SNOW! THIS MAY BE MY CHANCE!

AH! HERE COMES NAKOKA WITH THE EMERGENCY SUPPLIES!

IN THIS COSTUME, THE DIRECTOR MISTOOK ME FOR ONE OF THE EXTRAS! BEBE WILL GET QUITE A SHOCK WHEN I HAND HER THE "EMERGENCY SUPPLIES"!

THANK YOU, NAKOKA! YOU HAVE SAVED MY ...EEEK! A SUMMONS!

CUT! STOP THE CAMERAS!

AFTERWARDS...

ALICE TALBOT HAS COMPLETED EVERY ASSIGNMENT WE'VE GIVEN HER! HER UNCLE WILL BE FURIOUS THAT WE HAVEN'T STUMPED HER!

EXCUSE ME, MR. MARLOWE! BUT I THINK I HAVE THE SOLUTION IN *THIS* SUMMONS!

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MOM! PUG'S COMING HOME FROM SCHOOL!

T. M. Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.

CONGRATULATIONS, PUG! THAT WAS A GREAT HONOR!

THANKS, DOLLY!

WHAT WAS DOLLY CONGRATULATING YOU ABOUT, DEAR?

OH, I HAD THE BEST GRADES OF THE ENTIRE CLASS FOR LAST SEMESTER!

THAT'S WONDERFUL, PUG! I'M PROUD OF YOU!

I TOLD YOU DILIGENT STUDYING WOULD PAY BIG DIVIDENDS!

IT SURE DID!

THAT GOOD LOOKING ED LANE IS COMING OVER EVERY NIGHT NEXT WEEK FOR ME TO HELP HIM WITH HIS LESSONS!

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YOUR WALK'S ALL SHOVELED, MISTER!

FINE! AND HERE'S YOUR MONEY... NOW RUN ALONG AND SPEND IT!

THAT WAS A GOOD DEED, PAYING THOSE LITTLE BOYS SO MUCH TO SHOVEL THE WALK, UNCLE MILT!

IT WAS VERY THOUGHTFUL OF YOU!

YEP!

IT KEPT THAT LAZY TUSSEY FROM HIRING THEM TO SHOVEL **HIS** WALK!

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Boots CUT-OUTS

← THANKS TO JOYCE ANN SEEBER CLINTON, TENN.

THANKS TO CAROL SCHNELLE OREGON CITY, OREGON →

THANKS TO ANNA HELTON HIXSON, TENN. →

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Tarzan

...OF THOTH, TARZAN'S SLAVES WERE FORCED TO WORK ON RAMESES' PYRAMID TOMB.

TARZAN MADE FRIENDS WITH ANOTHER SLAVE, ZORAD, WHO TOLD A STRANGE STORY--"A PLAGUE SLOWED WORK ON THE PYRAMID," HE BEGAN...

"...AND IT **MUST** BE FINISHED **BEFORE** THE KING'S DEATH--

"YOU SEE, OUR SPIRIT MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE DEATH, AND RAMESES IS REPORTED GRAVELY ILL."

"REPORTED ILLNESS?" ASKED TARZAN. "YES," SAID ZORAD. "I BELIEVE HE IS REALLY HELD CAPTIVE..TO BE MURDERED AT THE TOMB'S COMPLETION!"

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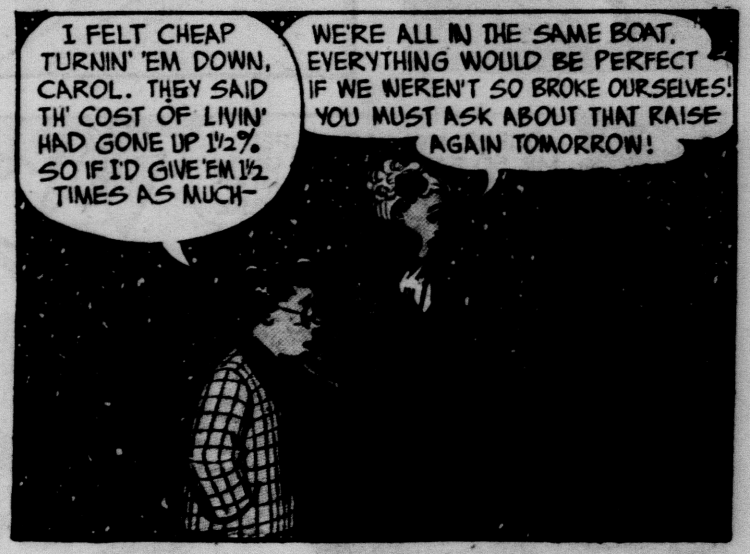
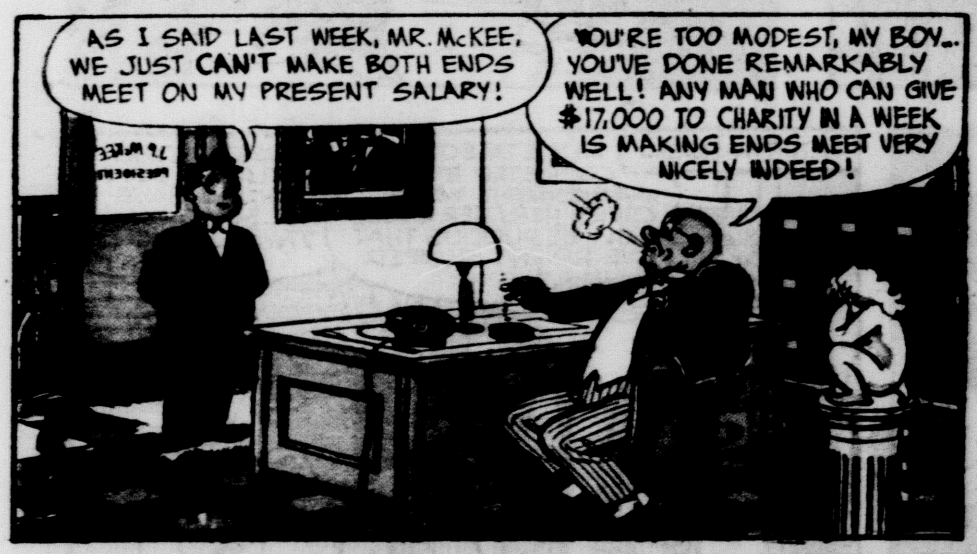
"I WANT TO SEE JUSTICE DONE," SAID ZORAD. "FOR I AM... HIS SON!"

Captain EASY

by LESLIE TURNER





THE BROS. CHES and WAL

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LOOKING INTO THE NEW YEAR

WAL SAYS IF THE INCOME TAX MAKES YOU HOT UNDER THE COLLAR, JUST DON'T PAY IT — AND SPEND 1954 IN THE COOLER=

BOSS

MIDGET WINDOW CLEANER — I WASH EYE GLASSES!

SMOKING:

WAL HAS SOLVED HIS SMOKING PROBLEM — HE SMOKES ANY GIVEN AMOUNT=

BE GENEROUS:

WILL YOU GIVE SOMETHING TO THE OLD FOLKS' HOME?

GLADLY! YOU CAN HAVE MY WIFE'S MOTHER!

WORLD PEACE?

1 DOZ. ATOMIC BOMBS, JUMBO SIZE

IF PEOPLE PICK ON YOU, CHES SUGGESTS EFFECTIVE DESIGN FOR BRIEFCASE=

EXERCISE:

YOU MUST BE A GOLFER! WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE COURSE?

WELL, I'M KIND OF PARTIAL TO DESSERT!

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COST OF LIVING:

AREN'T YOU ASHAMED, WALKING AROUND BEGGING?

INDEED, YES! I'VE OFTEN WISHED FOR A CAR!

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE

WITH MAJOR HOOPLE

EGAD! WHERE ARE MY STRIPED TROUSERS? I ALWAYS HANG THEM NEATLY IN HERE!

GONE! AND I FORGOT TO REMOVE MY FUNDS AND TUCK THEM UNDER THE MATTRESS!

UM! I'LL DON AN OLD PAIR AND SEARCH THE HOUSE!

I SAY, MARTHA! DID YOU SEE MY STRIPED TROUSERS?

YES! I SENT A FEW THINGS TO THE CLEANERS EARLY THIS MORNING!

ULP! AND ALL MY RAINY DAY SAVINGS IN THE POCKET — I MUST HURRY!

CLASSY CLEANERS SPECIALS

A PAIR OF STRIPED TROUSERS CONTAINING A SUM OF MONEY WAS SENT TO YOU THIS MORNING — THE NAME IS HOOPLE!

HMP! I'LL LOOK!

IF THESE ARE YOURS, THERE'S ONLY LINT IN THE POCKETS!

MY WORD! THIS IS THE EQUIVALENT OF ROBBERY, MY GOOD MAN! YOU ARE LIABLE TO A COSTLY LAWSUIT!

I HAD JUST CASHED A DIVIDEND FROM MY TIN MINES — A TIDY SUM! — I'LL SEE MY LAWYERS AT ONCE!

THERE WASN'T A DIME IN THOSE PANTS, I'M TELLING YOU!

I'LL GIVE YOU TILL SIX P.M. TO RETURN THE MONEY — THEN I'LL START THE MILLS OF JUSTICE!

MIGHT AS WELL START 'EM NOW, MISTER — ALL YOU'LL GET IS DANDRUFF!

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU TO PICK UP THE TRASH I TOOK OUT OF YOUR POCKETS — IT'S OUT HERE ON THE TABLE!

UG-ULP! YOU WHAT?

GREAT CAESAR! HERE IT IS — THE ENTIRE #4! HOW FORTUNATE!

IS THERE SOMETHING YOU FORGOT TO SAY?

FORGOT TO SAY? OF COURSE NOT! IT'S ALL —

I SHOULDN'T ACCEPT A REWARD, BUT YOU'RE SO GENEROUS THAT I CAN'T REFUSE! — THANKS!

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